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It's difficult to imagine how the fans of 1965 could have predicted the future for *Doctor Who*. This issue of *Doctor Who Classic Comics* features a vintage William Hartnell adventure – *The Therovian Quest*. The children who read the strip on its original publication in *TV Comic* could have watched *The Romans* if they were lucky enough to have a television. They could have scoured the *Radio Times* for *Doctor Who* articles or pictures if they were lucky enough to have one in the house. The chances are they couldn't have forseen that the same show and the same comic strip would still be enjoyed by an even broader audience in 1993.

The comic strip journey, which began with John and Gillian, has entered a new phase with the breathtaking *Evening's Empire*. The Autumn Holiday Special of *Doctor Who Classic Comics* takes the Doctor and Ace on a terrifying journey where they tackle one of the most imaginative and devious opponents they've ever faced. It's a long way from *The Therovian Quest*, but still another part of the same saga.

Those children are now approaching middle-age. While the comic strip they enjoyed all those years ago has again resurfaced as a quaint reminder of a more innocent age, the show they watched remains as compelling as ever.

And, like those children, the *Doctor Who* comic strip has grown up.

Marcus

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We've had a lot of queries about the embroidered Thirtieth Anniversary jackets featured in *Doctor Who Classic Comics* Issue 11. For those of you not lucky enough to win a jacket in our exclusive competition, they can be ordered direct by writing to:

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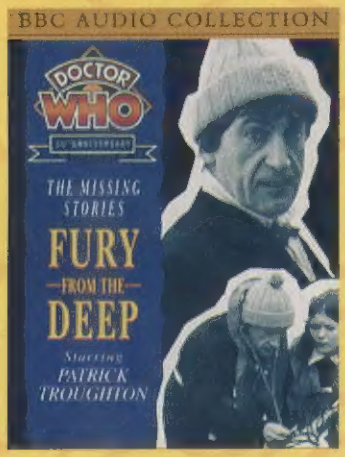
The forthcoming BBC Audio Collection release of *Fury from the Deep* is a good excuse for a competition – as if we needed one! This is your chance to win one of *TEN* copies of the twin cassette pack we have to give away, courtesy of BBC Enterprises. For a chance to own this classic Patrick Troughton adventure, simply tell us which of the Doctor's companions left the TARDIS at the end of the story.



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FREE PULL-OUT GIANT POSTER:
A sinister bear-like beast from the 1978 *Doctor Who* story *The Androids of Tara*. Photo © BBC

WEEK ENDING JUNE 24, 1972 Issue No 71

TV ACTION + countdown

5p

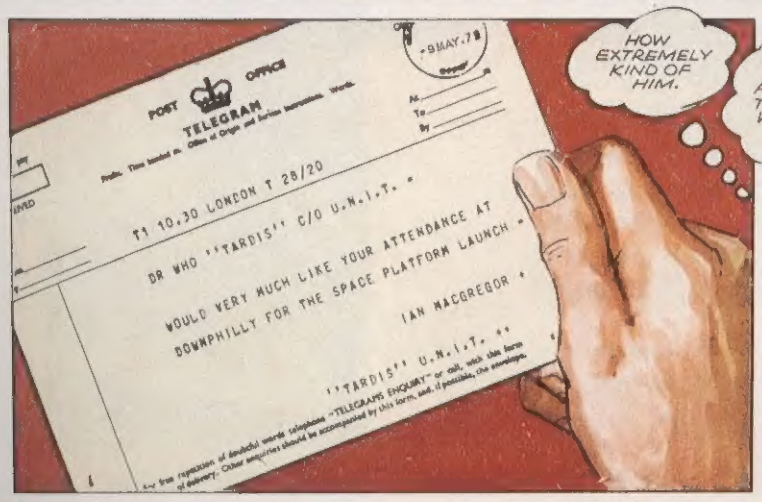
ALL-ACTION ADVENTURE WITH... HAWAII FIVE-O • CAPTAIN SCARLET • UFO AND OTHER TV FAVOURITES.

New DOCTOR WHO Story begins today!

NOW I WONDER WHO THIS IS FROM?

'The Enemy from Nowhere.'

On his various visits to Earth, the Doctor has built up a wide circle of acquaintances — especially among the scientific fraternity. One morning he receives a telegram . . .



HOW EXTREMELY KIND OF HIM.

AND WHY NOT? A TOUCH OF CORNISH AIR AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK OVER THIS WONDER OF HUMAN ELECTRONIC INVENTIVENESS.

DOWNPHILLY, THE U.K.'S LATEST AND MOST SOPHISTICATED TRACKING STATION ...
PART OF A VITAL LINK, TO BE USED IN THE ASSEMBLY OF EARTH'S FIRST SPACE PLATFORM...
FROM THE EARLY HOURS OF THE MORNING ITS TECHNICIANS FOLLOW THE LABORIOUS PROCEDURE OF CHECKING THE EQUIPMENT..
BEGINNING PARABOLOIDAL SWEEP SS3.
D'YOU KNOW, WEATHERALL, I THINK YOU REALLY ENJOY THIS TEDIOUS EXERCISE!
I'D LIKE TO REMIND YOU, THAT WE HAVE A VERY IMPORTANT PART TO PLAY IN TOMORROW'S LAUNCH, JENKINS. TOP EFFICIENCY IS CALLED FOR.
HERE, FIX THAT POSITION I'VE GOT A TRACK!
OH REALLY, JENKINS. WE'RE CHECKING THE EQUIPMENT NOT PLAYING WITH IT.
I'M A SCIENTIST NOT A BALLY CLERK. COME AND LOOK AT THIS – THE SIZE OF IT.
BUT THEN...
WHAT THE...
COME ALONG, JENKINS. WE MUST GET ON WITH THE SCHEDULE. AS SENIOR SCIENTIFIC OFFICER IT'S MY DUTY...
WEATHERALL IS MOMENTARILY SILENCED...
I'LL TEACH YOU TO BE SO OFFICIOUS.
OUCH!
GOT IT! S'TRUTH I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
I'LL REPORT YOU FOR THIS, JENKINS.
ART: GERRY HAYLOCK
YOU'LL BE DISMISSED!
SHUT UP WHINING AND LISTEN. I JUST SAW THAT BALLY GREAT METEORITE DECELERATE AND CHANGE COURSE!
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NEXT DAY...
IT LOOKS AS IF HALF THE BRASS OF THE BRITISH ARMED FORCES HAVE TURNED OUT. NOW WHY WOULD THEY BE SO INTERESTED IN A PEACEFUL SPACE PLATFORM?

SOON AFTER IN THE STATION DIRECTOR'S OFFICE...
GLAD YOU COULD COME DOCTOR.
IT'S MY PLEASURE, PROFESSOR.
HOUSTON ARE READY FOR THE FINAL CHECKS, PROFESSOR MACGREGOR!
FUNNY BUSINESS. ONE OF MY LADS PICKED UP A LARGE TRACK WHICH APPARENTLY DECELERATED AND WENT INTO ORBIT AROUND MARS.
BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE WHAT ABOUT OPTICAL INVESTIGATION!
THE AMERICANS USED MOUNT PALMAR OBSERVATORY BUT FOUND NOTHING. THEY'VE SUGGESTED IT COLLIDED WITH ANOTHER SMALLER BODY.
HIGHLY IMPROBABLE BUT POSSIBLE I SUPPOSE.
AT CAPE KENNEDY THAT AFTERNOON...
DOES THE LAUNCH GET POSTPONED?
NO, DOCTOR FOR SOME EXTRAORDINARY REASON THEIR GOVERNMENT IS KEEN NOT TO DELAY THE PROJECT!
I'M STILL FASCINATED TO KNOW WHY ALL THESE MILITARY PEOPLE ARE INTERESTED IN THE PLATFORM UNLESS IT'S NOT A PEACEFUL PROJECT.
OUT IN SPACE EARTH'S LATEST SPACE PROJECT BEGINS TO TAKE SHAPE...
DR. WHO IS WORRIED AND WHEN THERE'S A PROBLEM TO SOLVE, HE NEEDS FRESH AIR...
TRACKS THAT DISAPPEAR... MILITARY SPACE PLATFORMS...
IF YOU DON'T GET OFF THIS STATION IMMEDIATELY I'LL HAVE YOU REMOVED.
BUT IT'S THERE AGAIN. LOOK FOR YOURSELF!
I SHALL INFORM PROFESSOR MACGREGOR IMMEDIATELY.
YOU CAN TELL HIM OUR MYSTERY IS BACK TOO AND IT'S ON IT'S WAY TO EARTH!

WEEK ENDING JULY 1, 1972 ISSUE No 72

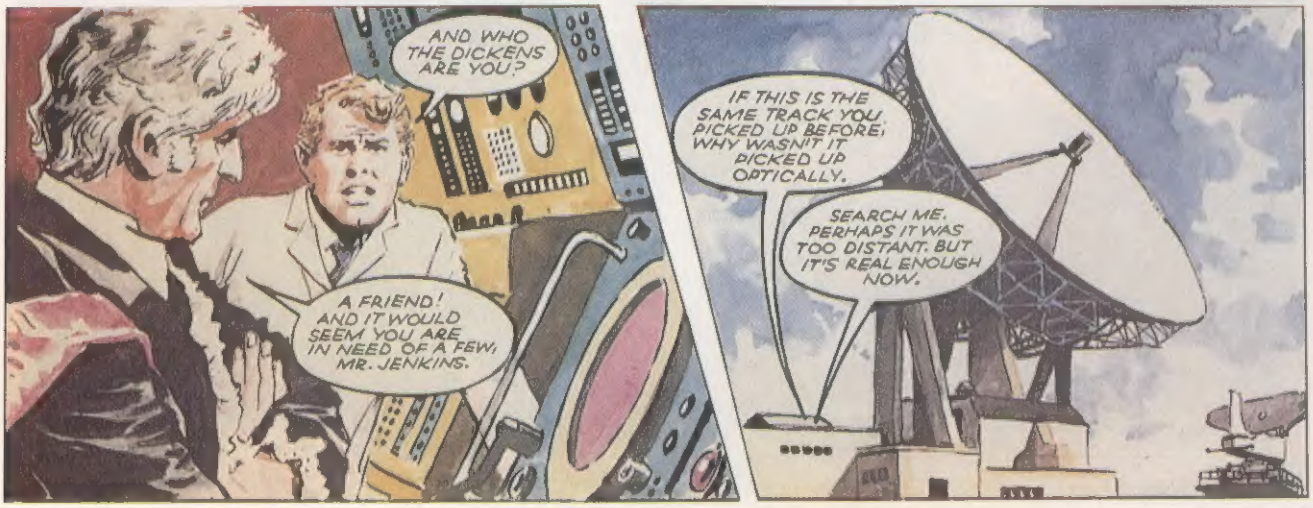
TV ACTION + countdown

5p

THE ENEMY FROM NOWHERE—Part Two

Invited to Downphilly tracking station as an observer, the Doctor watches the successful launch of a new orbiting space wheel. The Doctor has been told of mysterious tracks picked up by a fiery young Welsh technician, David Jenkins. What he doesn't know, is that Jenkins has been dismissed for striking his superior, Weatherall. While taking the air, the Doctor overhears a heated argument between Jenkins and Weatherall about the Welshman's use of some minor equipment . . .

Dr. WHO picks the winner of the monster competition. See page 20



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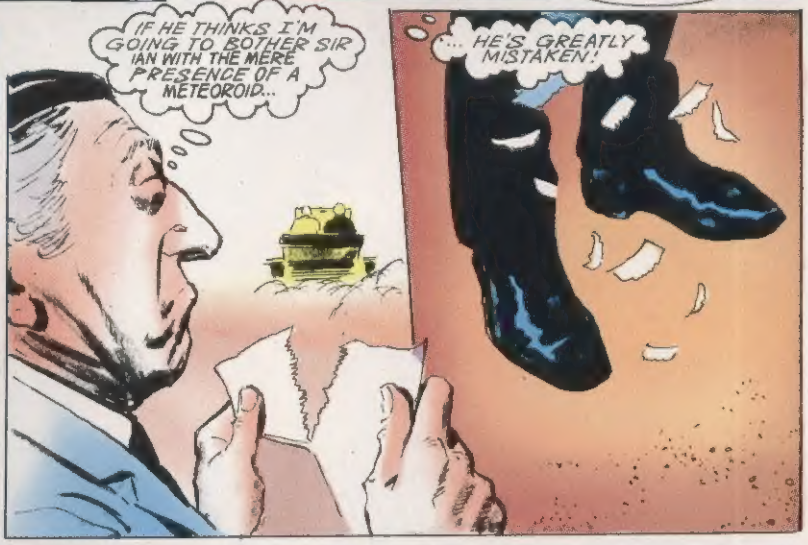

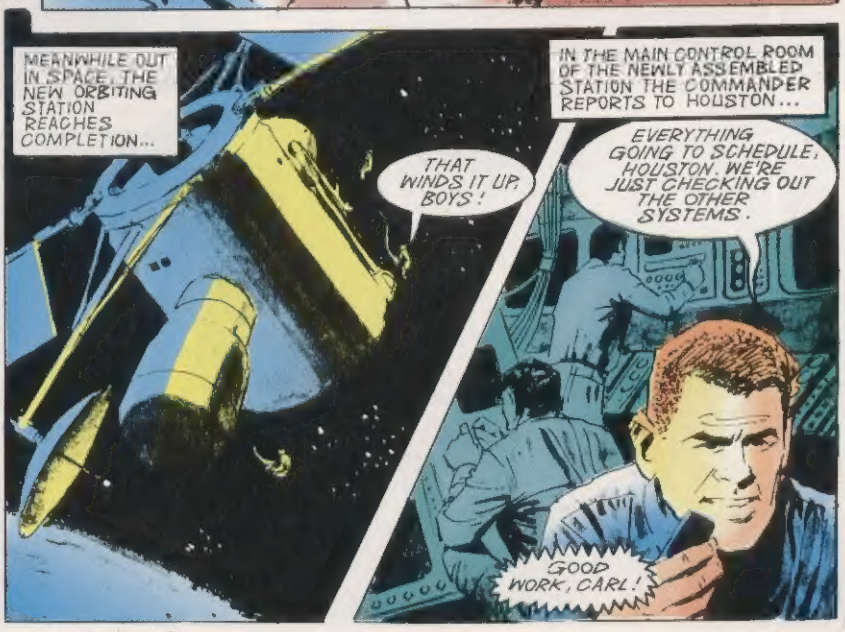

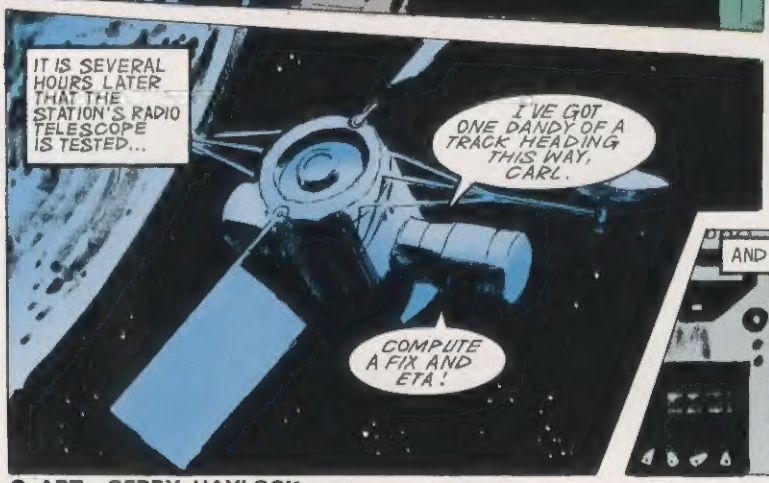

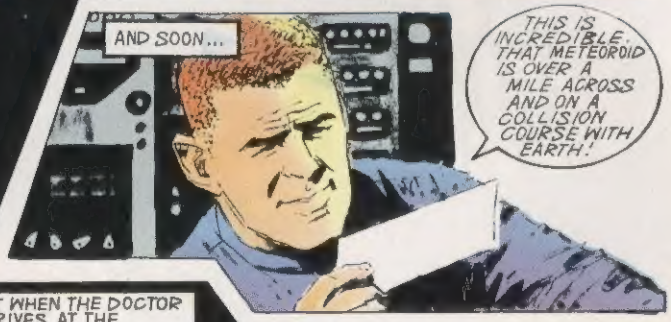

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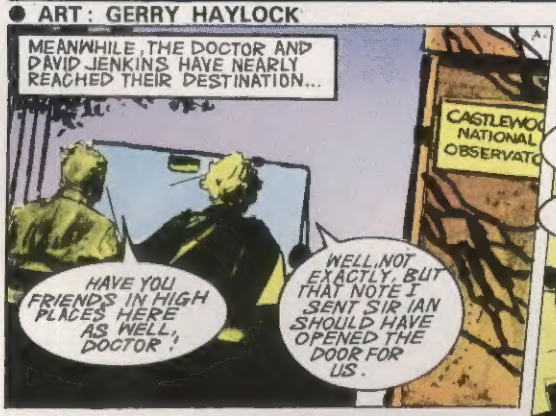

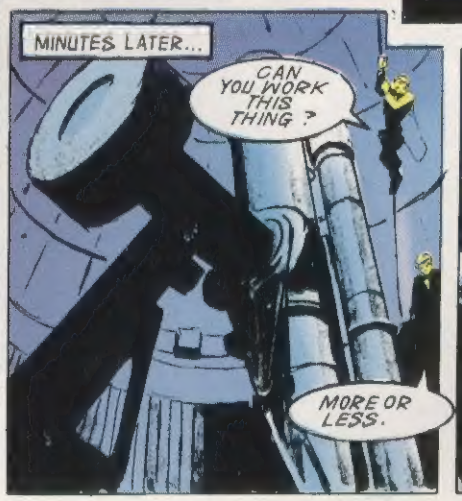

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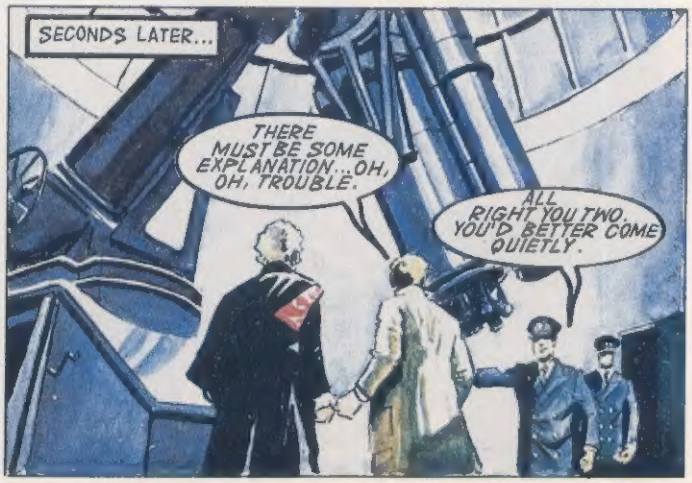
Win a Lunar Rover! — see inside!

DR. WHO

THE ENEMY FROM NOWHERE—Part Three

The Doctor and David Jenkins, a young technician from Downphilly Tracking Station, have unofficially entered the Bromway National Observatory. Expertly adjusting the giant telescope, the Doctor fixes on to a mysterious Earthbound track.



RIGHT NOW WE HAVE TO GET BACK TO DOWNPHILLY, DAVIE. EXPLANATIONS COME LATER.
I'M IN DEEP ENOUGH ALREADY, DOCTOR. ANOTHER BRUSH WITH AUTHORITY WON'T MAKE MUCH DIFFERENCE.
NOW COME QUIETLY, OR WE'LL HAVE TO GET ROUGH.
OUCH.
OOF.
THIS S GETTING TO BE A BIT OF A HABIT, THOUGH I THINK YOUR WAY IS MORE REFINED.
THERE'S NO REFINEMENT IN VIOLENCE, DAVIE, BUT SOMETIMES LITTLE ALTERNATIVE.
THANKS FOR THE USE OF YOUR TELESCOPE, MY DEAR. I'M SURE YOU'LL STILL FIND IT IN WORKING ORDER.
OPERATOR GET ME THE POLICE!
ART: GERRY HAYLOCK
AND SOON...
WHY BACK TO DOWNPHILLY, DOCTOR? IF THAT METEOROID'S GONE, IT MUST HAVE DISINTEGRATED. IT'S THE ONLY ANSWER.
NOT THE ONLY ANSWER, DAVIE. THERE IS ANOTHER AND ONLY DOWNPHILLY CAN SUPPLY THAT INFORMATION.
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ABOVE EARTH ON THE NEWLY ASSEMBLED SPACE PLATFORM...
THIS IS ABSOLUTELY CRAZY.
THEN WHAT'S THE ANSWER, CARL?
THERE IS NO ANSWER. OUR ELECTRONIC TRACKER TELLS US A MASSIVE BODY IS HEADING FOR EARTH.
AND OUR OPTICAL TELESCOPE SAYS IT ISN'T THERE.
I WONDER HOW OUR PHANTOM TRACK WOULD REACT TO A COUPLE OF MISSILES?
THAT'S QUITE A THOUGHT, FRED. GET ME HOUSTON.
INSIDE THE GIANT SPACE CONTROL AT HOUSTON...
O.K., CARL. IT SOUNDS A GOOD IDEA. LET'S DO A FEW CHECKS FIRST, IT'S STILL A FAIR WAY OFF.
RIGHT, SIR. IN THE MEANTIME I'LL GET THE MISSILES ARMED AND READY.

IT IS EARLY MORNING WHEN THE DOCTOR AND JENKINS ARRIVE BACK AT DOWNING.
I'M SORRY, SIR. MR. WEATHERALL GAVE STRICT INSTRUCTIONS THAT NEITHER OF YOU TWO GENTLEMEN WERE TO BE ALLOWED BACK ON THE STATION.
I SPEAK TO PROFESSOR MACGREGOR?
WHO
NOT QUITE, DAVE. I STILL HAVE A FEW TRICKS UP MY SLEEVE AND THIS IS TOO IMPORTANT TO FAIL.
YOU GIVE ME THE EXACT FREQUENCY THAT STATION IS WORKING ON. I THINK WE MIGHT STILL BE ABLE TO TALK TO THE PROFESSOR.
NOW LET'S SEE IF I'VE DONE MY SUMS RIGHT.
INSIDE THE TRACKING STATION'S NERVE CENTRE.
WHAT THE DEVIL CAN IT BE?
SOME ELECTRONIC PHENOMENA PERHAPS.
YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT, GENERAL. IF YOU ASK ME EVERYBODY'S GOT EXCITED ABOUT NOTHING.
THEN THE SCREEN SUDDENLY FLICKERS...
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THE SCREEN?
MUST BE STATIC, PROFESSOR.
THEN AS THE PICTURE GRADUALLY CLEARS...
MACGREGOR! WOULD YOU MIND LETTING ME INTO THE STATION BEFORE YOUR MILITARY FRIENDS DO SOMETHING THAT COULD END THIS PLANET'S EXISTENCE.
BUT OUT IN SPACE ACTION HAS ALREADY BEEN TAKEN...

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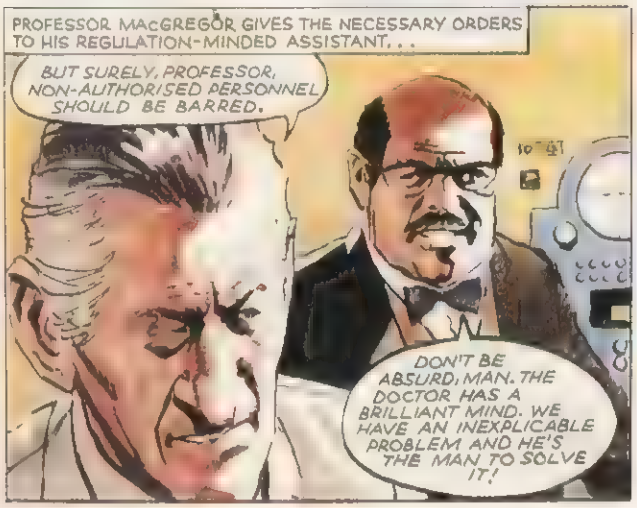

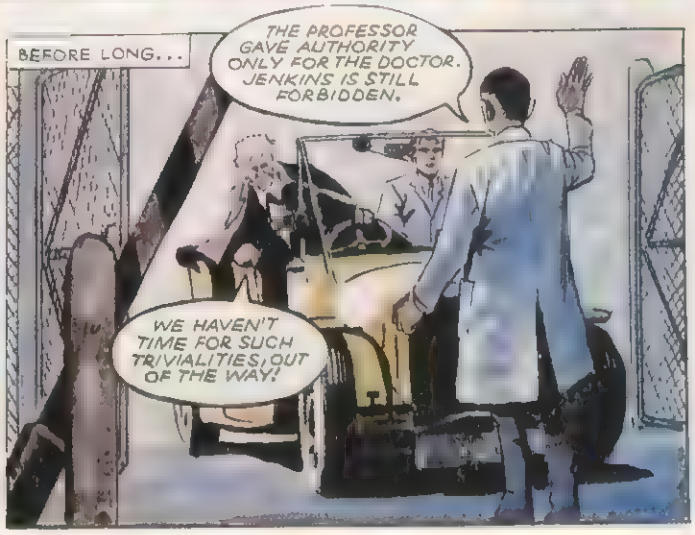

STOP. I DEMAND YOU STOP!
GO TO THE DEVIL!
SECONDS LATER.
HAS ANY FURTHER ACTION BEEN TAKEN TO ANALYSE ITS ORIGIN, PROFESSOR?
I'M AFRAID THE PENTAGON HAS TAKEN IT OUT OF OUR HANDS, DOCTOR. MISSILES HAVE ALREADY LEFT THE SPACE STATION.
ART GERRY HAYLOCK
THEN YOU MUST ORDER THEM TO SELF-DESTRUCT IMMEDIATELY!
I CAN TRY, DOCTOR, BUT UNLESS YOU CAN GIVE ME SOME GOOD REASON WHY, MY CHANCES ARE SLIM.
TELL THEM THEIR TARGET MAY BE AN APPROACHING SPACECRAFT!
BUT THE AMERICAN GENERALS ARE UNCONVINCED...
ARE YOU JOKING, MERVYN? SOME UNKNOWN LIMEY DOCTOR COMES UP WITH SOME WILD IDEA AND YOU SAY WE PLAY ALONG!
BUT WE DON'T WANT TO JEOPARDISE THE SATELLITE, HAL. AS YET THE WORLD DOESN'T EVEN KNOW IT'S THERE.
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WE HAVE A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO TEST THE SATELLITE'S FIRE-POWER. I SAY WE USE IT!
HEAR HEAR!
VERY WELL, GENTLEMEN. THE MISSILES ARE DUE TO HOME IN ROUGHLY TWENTY-FIVE MINUTES. I SUGGEST WE'RE ON HAND TO SEE THE RESULTS OF OUR DECISION.
AND OUT IN SPACE THE MISSILES PURSUE THEIR RELENTLESS COURSE...
AT DOWNPHILLY TRACKING STATION MINUTES LATER...
SORRY, PROFESSOR, BUT WE BELIEVE YOUR PANIC IS UNNECESSARY.
THE FOOLS! THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE PLAYING AT!
I THINK THE AMERICANS ARE RIGHT. AFTER ALL WE HAVE ONLY THIS... THE DOCTOR'S ABSURD THEORY TO GO ON.
WHAT WOULD YOU KNOW ABOUT IT...?
LEAVE HIM, DAVID. WE HAVE TWENTY MINUTES TO STOP THE MISSILES, NOW HOW CAN WE DO IT?
WE COULD BOMBARD THEM WITH MICROWAVES. THAT MIGHT INTERFERE WITH THEIR HOMING MECHANISMS.

BUT THEN...
IT'S WORTH A TRY...
I BEG YOU
YOU'LL DO NO SUCH THING!
IT SEEMS OBVIOUS THAT YOU HAVE LOST YOUR REASON, PROFESSOR MACGREGOR. YOU AND YOUR STRANGE FRIEND ARE UNDER ARREST.
ARE WE TO BE ALLOWED TO WATCH THE RESULTS OF YOUR IRRESPONSIBILITY, GENERAL?
AS LONG AS YOU PROMISE NOT TO INTERFERE. PERHAPS WE'LL SEE THEN WHOSE MAKING THE RIGHT DECISION.
DUTY DEMANDS IT. I CAN ONLY ACCEPT IT, SIR.
MAY I MAKE A REQUEST...
FOUR... THREE. TWO... ONE... ZERO...
I DON'T BELIEVE IT... IT'S STILL THERE.
THEN ALL MY WORST FEARS ARE JUSTIFIED.
BUT EVEN AS THE DOCTOR SPEAKS...
IF YOU HAVE ANY INFLUENCE AT ALL, GET THAT SPACE STATION EVACUATED...

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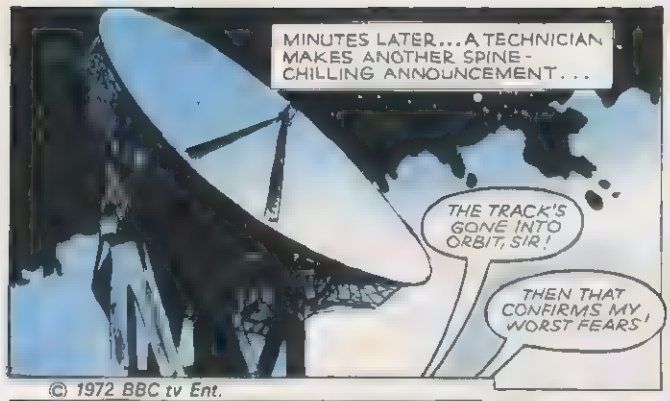

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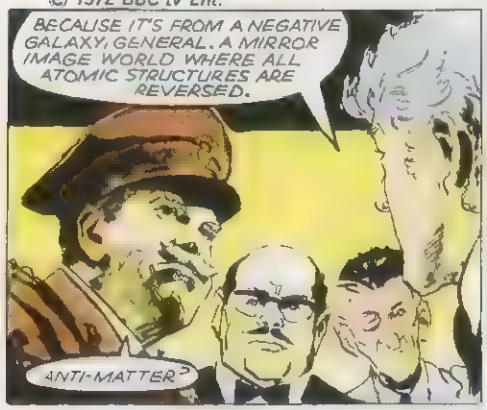

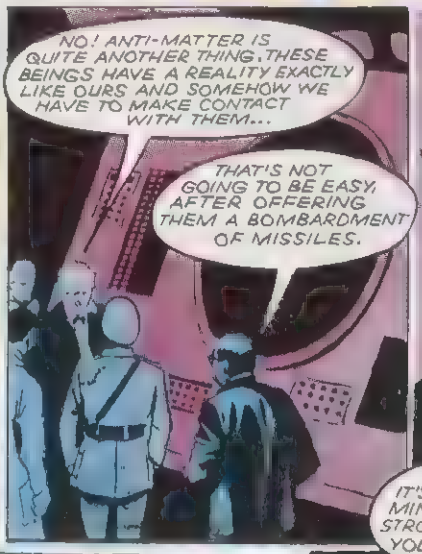

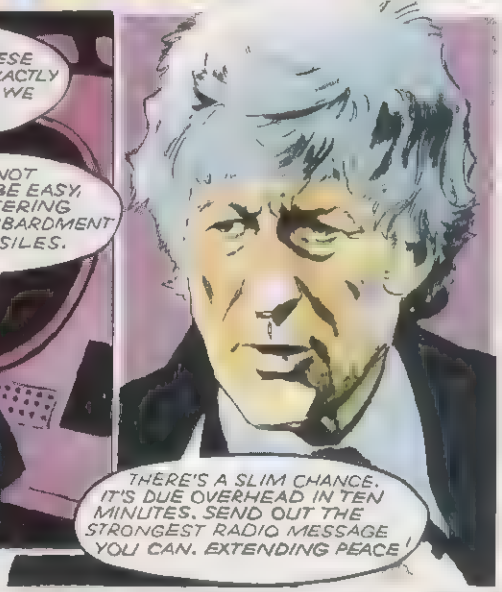

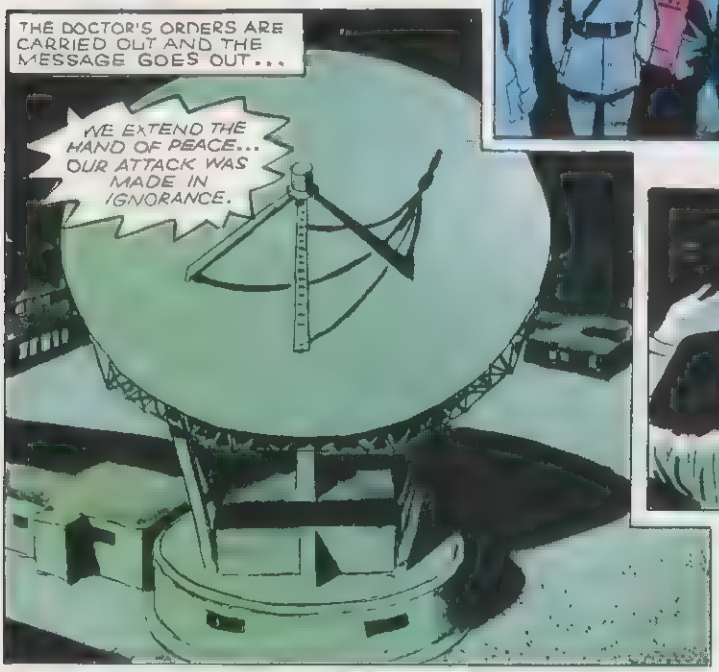

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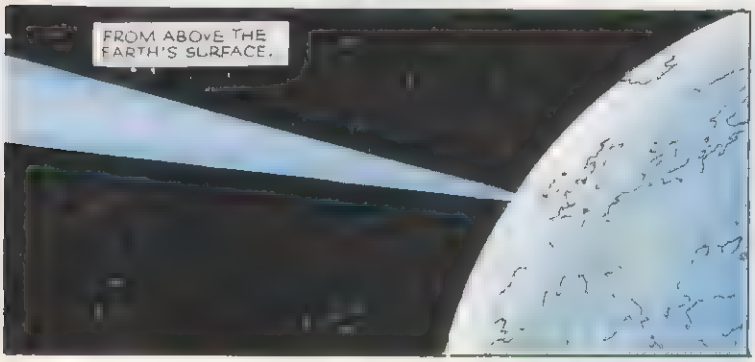

...ON TO PART OF THE TRACKING STATION...
MINUTES LATER...
IT'S UNBELIEVABLE
ANOTHER YEAR OR TWO AND IT COULD HAVE BEEN US
YOU MUST PERSUADE YOUR PENTAGON COLLEAGUES NOT TO MAKE ANY FURTHER ATTACKS — THEY ARE BOUND TO BE PLANNING THEM!
BUT WHAT OTHER WAY IS THERE OF DEFENDING EARTH? WE'RE UP AGAINST SOMETHING MONSTROUS.
YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE A GAMBLE ON ME. COME, DAVID, I SHALL NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE.
WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?
SHORTLY AFTER...
ON A JOURNEY NEITHER OF US MIGHT EVER RETURN FROM, DAVID.
I'M TAKING YOU FOR A TRIP IN MY TARDIS. IT'S A WILD CHANCE BUT IT'S THE ONLY ONE WE'VE GOT.
TARDIS?
SOME HOURS LATER IN THE DOCTOR'S WORKSHOP...
I GET THE FEELING THAT ANY MOMENT I'M GOING TO WAKE UP.
MY CALCULATIONS MUST BE EXACT. IF THE TARDIS DOESN'T RE-MATERIALISE IN THE EXACT AREA WE WILL DISAPPEAR FOREVER.
HOLD TIGHT, DAVID; THE SENSATION MAY BE FAR FROM PLEASANT.

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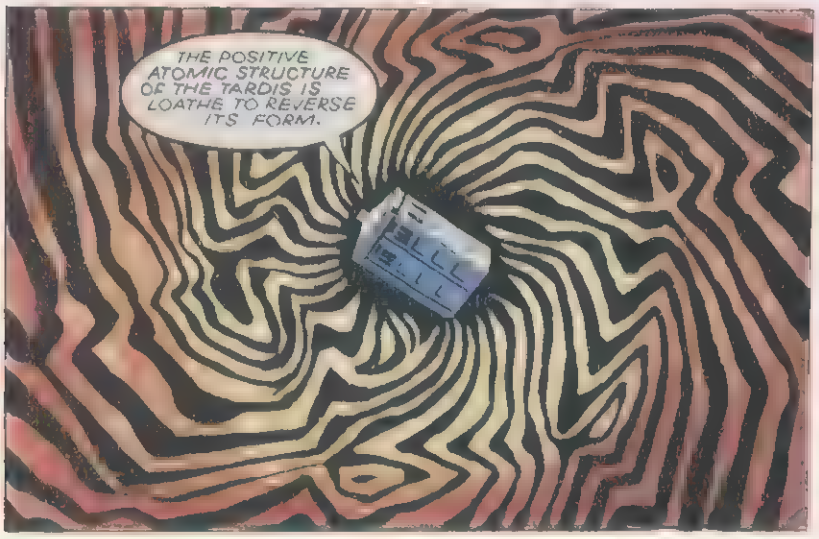
GREAT APOLLO OFFER! See inside.

DR.WHO

THE ENEMY FROM NOWHERE—Part Six

A mysterious invisible track picked up by a radio telescope approaches Earth. In defiance of Doctor's warning, missiles are fi military space station. In a des

Jenkins board the Tardis—to contact the on the reverse-matter craft



THE VIOLENCE OF REACTION INCREASES—UNTIL THE TARDIS AND ITS PASSENGERS SEEM LITTLE MORE THAN ATOMIC GAS...
WITH TOTAL OBLIVION THREATENED, THE INSANE JOURNEY ENDS...
WE SEEM TO HAVE ARRIVED.
AT LEAST THE ATMOSPHERE'S BREATHABLE.
IT'S NOT OVER-WARM, IS IT?
SEVERAL MINUTES' SEARCH OF THE SEEMINGLY ENDLESS CORRIDORS PROVE FRUITLESS...
IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THE PLACE IS FULLY AUTOMATIC?
A POSSIBILITY... THE QUESTION NOW, IS WHICH WAY DO WE GO? ONE'S AS GOOD AS ANOTHER, I SUPPOSE.
MEANWHILE, ON EARTH, AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL IS IN SESSION...
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THE U.S.S.R. DELEGATE ADDRESSES THE CHAMBER...
I HAVE THE APPROVAL OF MY GOVERNMENT TO COMMIT OUR ENTIRE NUCLEAR STRENGTH AGAINST THIS MYSTERIOUS AGRESSOR.
WHILE THE DISCUSSION GOES ON, THE U.K. DELEGATE, SIR MALCOLM RUTTSBY, RECEIVES AN URGENT MESSAGE...
FROM LONDON, SIR. A RED CODE MESSAGE.
THE HOT-LINE, EH?
SIR MALCOLM INTERRUPTS THE MEETING...
I HAVE BEEN REQUESTED BY HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT TO URGE RESTRAINT ON THE COUNCIL.
AT THIS PRESENT MOMENT, TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE U.K. HAVE BEEN SENT TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE ALIENS.
THE BRITISH STATEMENT CREATES UPROAR...
WHAT ABSURDITY IS THIS? DO THE BRITISH CLAIM INVISIBLE AGENTS?
I AGREE! PERHAPS THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAVE EMPLOYED THE FAIRIES. IT IS NONSENSE!

● ART: GERRY HAYLOCK

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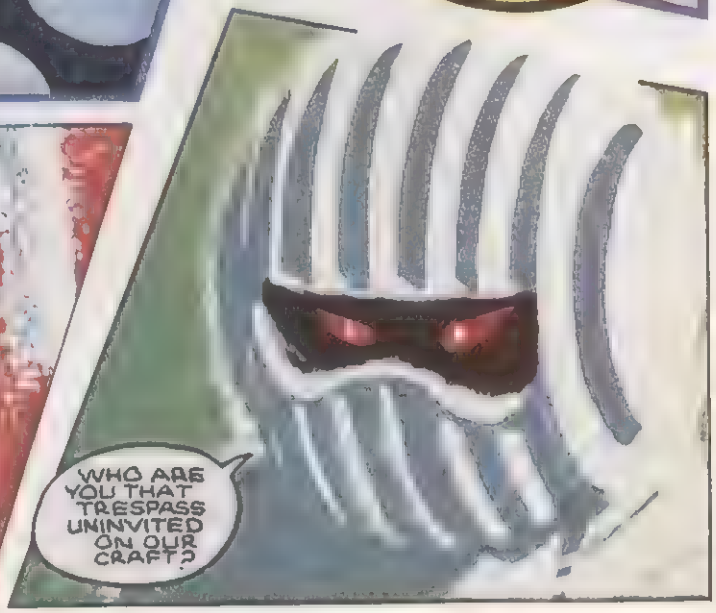
DR. WHO

THE MYSTERY FROM NOWHERE—

[illegible] and David Jenkins are aboard a [illegible] object that has had to step in Earth [illegible]. A missile bombardment from a [illegible] space station fails to halt the mystery craft, and now the Earthmen face strange [illegible] globes.



● ART: GERRY HAYLOCK

BUT NO SOONER HAVE THEY ENTERED, THAN...
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, [illegible]
YOUR PREDICTION HAS PROVED CORRECT, DAVID.
MINUTES LATER...
IT SOUNDS A MIGHT WILD STORY BUT I SUPPOSE IT MAKES SENSE
[illegible] HOPE OF GETTING BACK TO EARTH YOU'D BETTER LISTEN...
STEADY, DAVID. IT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAT WE SAVE EARTH. ARE THERE ANYMORE MISSILES ABOARD, CAPTAIN?
YES DOCTOR.
GOOD. I NEED THE NUCLEAR WARHEADS OF TEN MISSILES AND WORKING SPACE.
SEVERAL HOURS PASS BEFORE...
WHAT IS THIS THING, DOCTOR?
A BOMB, COMMANDER. IT'S CONSTRUCTION IS SOMETHING I'VE LONG KEPT SECRET FROM EARTH'S SCIENTISTS.
WITH SUCH A DESTRUCTIVE TOY, YOU HUMANS WOULD HAVE MURDERED YOUR LOVELY PLANET YEARS AGO. GET YOUR MEN READY TO LEAVE.
SOON AFTER..
THE QUESTION IS, ARE THEY GOING TO LET US BOARD THE TARDIS, BEFORE THAT DEVICE GOES OFF?
MEANWHILE ON EARTH...
WHAT'S THE RESPONSE TO OUR ULTIMATUM, CAPTAIN?
NEGATIVE, SIR. ONLY FIFTY MINUTES ARE LEFT
VERY WELL. INFORM ALL SITES TO BE ON IMMEDIATE STANDBY!
YES, SIR.
WE'LL SHOW THESE INVISIBLE MONSTERS THE FULL POWER OF EARTH'S NUCLEAR DEFENCES!

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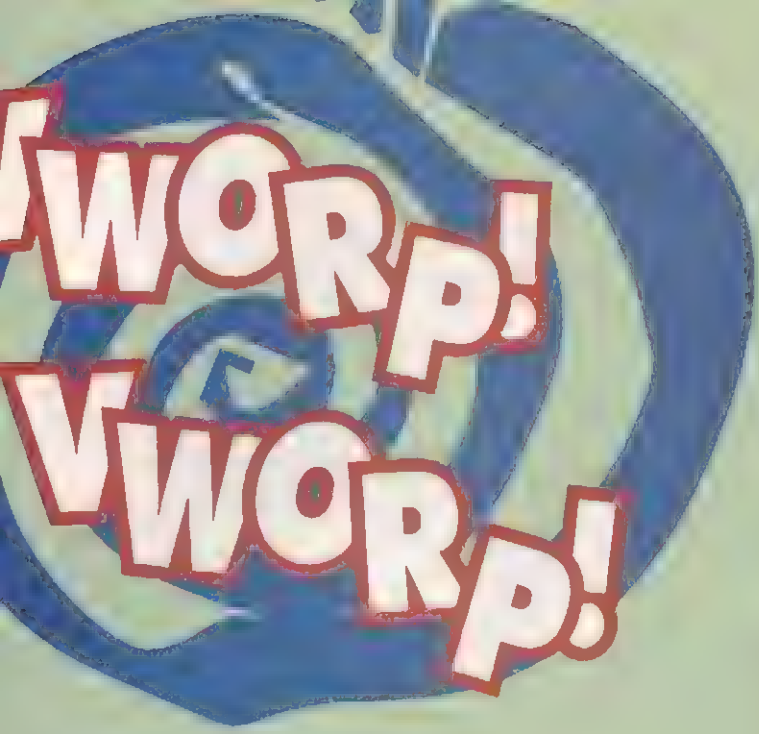
DR. WHO

THE ENEMY FROM NOWHERE—Part Eight

The Zerons, superior creatures of reverse matter, plan the total reversal of the planet Earth. The Doctor and David Jenkins are aboard the orbiting Zeron ship—attempting their escape in the Tardis with the crew of a captured missile space station. Meanwhile, Earth prepares a nuclear attack on the mysterious invaders

The Doctor's time journey continues until . . .

. . . he meets the UGRAKK—next week!



THE ORDEALS OF DEMETER

TV Comic Issues 720 - 723 (2.10.65 - 23.10.65)
Pages: 8 & 9 (Colour)
Writer: Unknown
Artist: Bill Mevin

The TARDIS lands on the planet Demeter where the travellers are is taken to be an invasion force from neighbouring planet, Bellus. Shortly after the misunderstanding is cleared up the real attack from Bellus takes place, with vibrations shaking Demeter, causing mass destruction.

With its transfer to pages 8 and 9 of *TV Comic* the *Doctor Who* strip gained not only the benefits of colour but the talents of a new artist, Bill Mevin. Mevin's style of art is obviously more suited to *Doctor Who*. In particular his likeness of William Hartnell's Doctor is a far more accurate rendition than Neville Main's.

ENTER: THE GO-RAY

TV Comic
Issues 724 - 727
(30.10.65 - 20.11.65)
Pages: 8 & 9 (Colour)
Writer: Unknown
Artist: Bill Mevin

The Doctor, John and Gillian land on the planet Go-Ray where the entire planet is powered by Cardium. As the Doctor and his grandchildren approach the Cardium HQ and explosion takes place causing the power supply to fail. The travellers are blamed by the strange, wheeled Go-Rays who imprison them.

The Go-Rays who whizz around on their single wheel are quite amusing, particularly the police Go-Ray who wear domed helmets almost identical to the traditional British 'Bobby'.

The explosion of the Cardium HQ is never actually explained and would therefore appear to be the writer's rather clumsy method of involving the lead characters in the story.

SHARK BAIT

TV Comic
Issues 728 - 731
(27.11.65 - 18.12.65)

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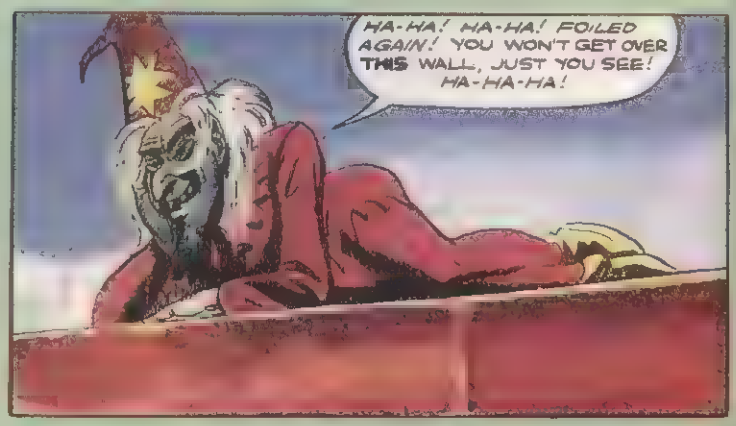
TV Comic
Issues 728 - 731
(27.11.65 - 18.12.65)
Pages: 8 & 9 (Colour)
Writer: Unknown
Artist: Bill Mevin

Landing on a planet, the TARDIS is drawn through quicksand by a race of small frog people and used as bate in a trap for a shark. The Doctor, John and Gillian help the frog people but lose the TARDIS once again, this time along with Gillian. It is up to John and the Doctor to rescue her and escape from the realm of the Ancient Mariner.

This story is typical of the period. It has no real plot as such, being just a series of individual encounters building to a climax. The writer seems unable to sustain his simplistic ideas for four episodes and so resorts to 'tacking-on' a second storyline involving the Ancient Mariner. This pattern would be repeated in several other adventures in the near future.

The Doctor's bag is introduced in this adventure. A handy little plot device that the Doctor would carry with him on several adventures. From this bag, the Doctor would produce a wide variety of items that would conveniently spring the travellers from whatever peril they were currently facing. In this particularly story, the bag contains three pairs of frogman's flippers which is particularly odd as the Doctor had no idea that they would be going anywhere near water when he and his companions left the TARDIS.



A CHRISTMAS STORY

TV Comic
Issues 732 - 735
(25.12.65 - 15.1.66)
Pages: 8 & 9 (Colour)
Writer: Unknown
Artist: Bill Mevin

Fed up of noisy aeroplanes at the North Pole, Santa Claus has moved to another planet where he is making toys for Christmas. Santa has had many requests from children for model TARDISes and the Doctor decides to help by using a device that he calls his 'magic box'.

However, Santa's Christmas preparations are threatened by the evil Demon Magician and it is up to the Doctor, John and Gillian to save the day.

The villain of this story is defeated by the Doctor's use of a miraculous gadget, a convenient *deus ex machina* that was being employed all to frequently.

The Doctor makes the startling disclosure that he used to be quite good at bowls!

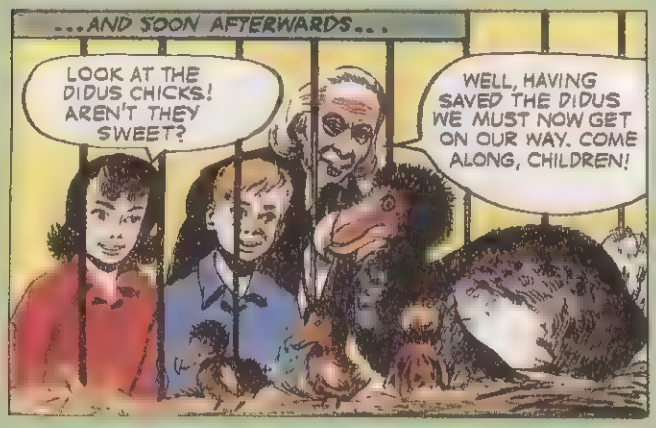
THE DIDUS EXPEDITION

TV Comic
Issues 736 - 739
(22.1.65 - 12.2.65)
Pages: 8 & 9 (Colour)
Writer: Unknown
Artist: Bill Mevin

The Doctor, John and Gillian meet an animal collector who has lost a valuable bird called a Didus. The Doctor agrees to find the bird for the collector and the three travellers set off into the jungle. There they encounter a hostile tribe who have captured the Didus believing it to be a lucky mascot.

The Didus is of course a surrogate for the Dodo and even looks like one. At the close of the story, the Doctor tells the children never to use the expression, "Dead as a Didus".

In Issue 736 of *TV Comic*, a free book was given away - *My 1966 Book of TV Stars*. Throughout the next few issues, readers could collect pictures of the television characters and personalities and stick them in the relevant place in their book. In Issue 738, one of the pictures was of William Hartnell as the Doctor from the television adventure, *The Crusade*.



SPACE STATION Z-7

TV Comic
Issues 740 - 743
(19.2.66 - 12.3.66)
Pages: 8 & 9 (Colour)
Writer: Unknown
Artist: Bill Mevin

The Doctor, John and Gillian land on Space Station Z-7 which has been taken over by rebels. The rebel leader is eager to learn how the TARDIS was able to penetrate his protective mine field and straps the Doctor into a truth machine. It us up to John and Gillian to escape from their cell and rescue the Doctor.

The story is highly reminiscent of the earlier adventure, *The Hijackers of Thrax*, which also featured a space station surrounded by a protective barrier.

The rebel leader makes several rather glib references to a doomsday weapon but it is unclear why he does not make use of it to achieve his wicked ends.

PLAGUE OF THE BLACK SCORPI

TV Comic
Issues 744 - 747
(19.3.66 - 9.4.66)
Pages: 8 & 9 (Colour)
Writer: Unknown
Artist: Bill Mevin

Landing on an arid planet, the Doctor, John and Gillian meet a man who shows the travellers their water production machine which suddenly explodes. At this point a swarm of scorpi arrive and devour all of the planet's crops. It is up to the Doctor to save the population from the ravaging insects and to revive the planets plant life.

For Bill Mevin's last story as artist, it seemed that all the recent strip cliches were crammed into this one story.

After packing his trusty bag and setting forth into a desert, the Doctor tells his dehydrating grandchildren that he has forgotten to bring any water!

The explosion of the water making machine is reminiscent of a similar catastrophe in *Enter: The Go Ray* and is also never explained.

The Doctor produces from his bag yet another of his magical devices to save the day, this time it is an Aquameter!

The writer had evidently run short on plot ideas again as events of the story in the final episode are almost entirely unrelated to what has taken place in the previous three instalments.

THE TRODOS TYRANNY

TV Comic
Issues 748 - 752
(16.4.66 - 14.5.66)
Pages: 8 & 9 (Colour)
Writer: Unknown
Artist: John Canning

The TARDIS lands on Trodos in the year 2066 where the Doctor and his companions are immediately taken prisoner by the robot Trods. The Trods have subjugated the human population and now use them as a slave work force.

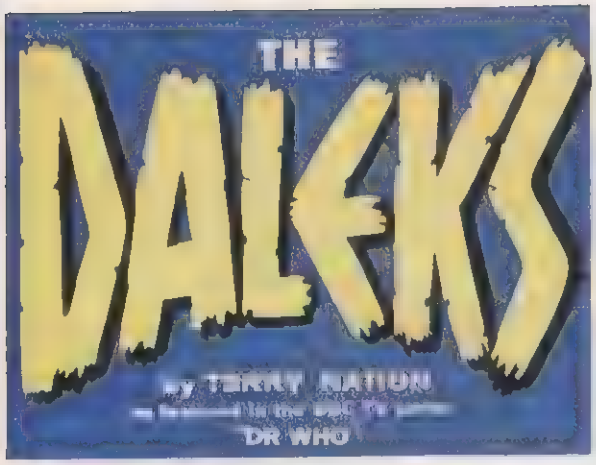
The travellers manage to escape from their prison and together they confront the ruler of the Trods - Super Trod!

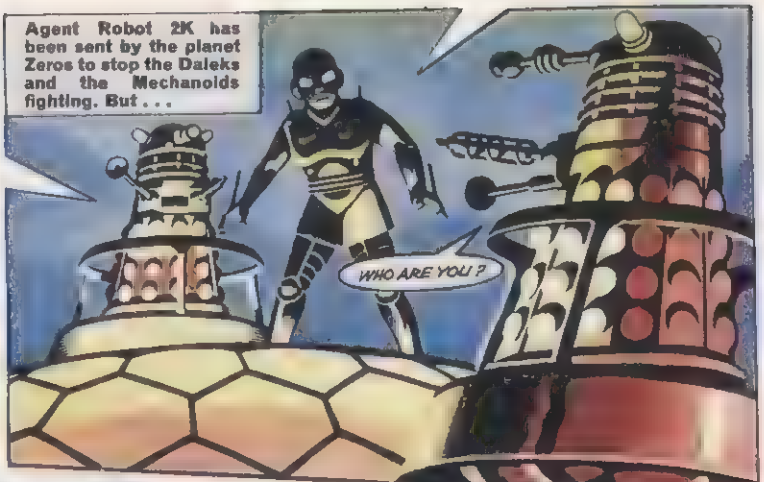
This adventure not only introduced new artist John Canning, but the Doctor's new enemies, the robotic Trods. The concept of the Trods was evidently based upon that of the Daleks and no doubt the intention was to invoke the popularity of Terry Nation's creations without paying for the rights to use them. The Trods would return again to confront the Doctor in the future.

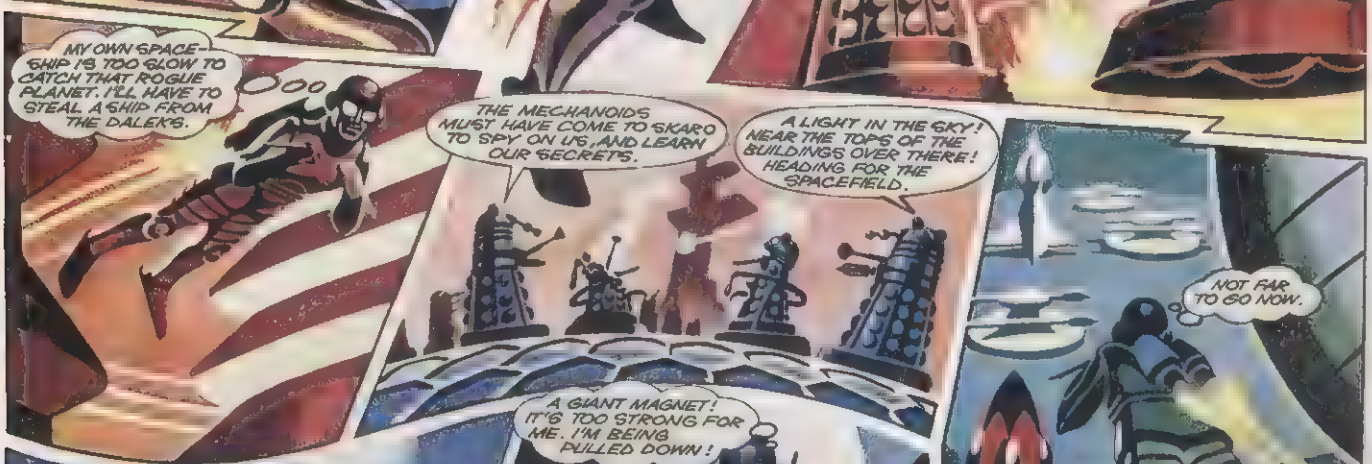
In this adventure, the Doctor is seen to use a pocket pencil torch, a device that the Doctor was often seen to use in his television adventures. ✧

THE DALEKS
by TERRY NATION
as featured in the BBC TV "DR WHO"
Alarmed at the coming war between the Daleks and the Mechanoids, a meeting is held on the planet Zeros . . .
FOR AEONS I, GRY, RULER OF ZEROS, AND YOU, MY ADVISORS, HAVE SAT IN VIEW OF OUR PEOPLE. WE RULE, AND ARE SEEN TO RULE.
NOW, A TERRIBLE WAR BETWEEN THE DALEKS AND THE MECHANOIDS IS NEAR AND, AS HAPPENS RARELY, WE MUST DEBATE IN SECRET
IS IT THAT SERIOUS?
YES
MOTHER, I CANNOT SEE OUR RULERS ANY LONGER
I KNOW WE MUST GO HOME AT ONCE.
THE PEOPLE WILL BE ALARMED
WE WILL BROADCAST THE FACTS LATER. WE DARE NOT LET THE DALEKS OR THE MECHANOIDS WIN THIS WAR THE VICTOR MAY TURN ON US. ALIN WILL NOW SPEAK
WE MUST INTERFERE, BUT IN SUCH A WAY THAT NEITHER DALEKS NOR MECHANOIDS SUSPECT US WE WILL SEND ONE AGENT TO PREVENT THE SUCCESS OF EITHER SIDE.
NO!
ONE ZEROVIAN AGAINST THE DALEKS AND THE MECHANOIDS? IMPOSSIBLE! IF HE IS CAPTURED, HIS BLUE SKIN ALONE WILL TELL THEM WHERE HE COMES FROM
THE AGENT!
DID I SAY WE WOULD SEND A ZEROVIAN? NO, WE WILL SEND.
.. A ROBOT
STOP PRESS!
General N'Mobo Critical
The latest medical bulletin from Madagascar reveals that General N'Mobo's condition is critical. Doctors stated today that there is nothing further they can do for the general. His life now rests in the hands of International Rescue. If they can locate Dr. Adams in time there might yet be hope for the General.

THE DALEKS
by TERRY NATION
Agent-robot Two K is sent to stop either the Daleks or the Mechanoids winning their galactic war . . .
APPROACHING PLANET SKARO. WILL PROCEED WITH PLAN A.
LEAVING A TRAIL IN THE SAND, BUT I CAN'T HELP THAT. MUST FIND OUT HOW WELL PREPARED THE DALEK'S ARE.
THEY MUST HAVE TRACKED MY LANDING. NO COVER HERE. BETTER MOVE... AND FAST!
DESERT NORTH CONTROL. SMALL OBJECT FALLEN ON DESERT 23 LONGLAT NW BY 8. COULD BE A METEORITE. INSTRUCTIONS.
HOVERBOUT PATROL TO CENTRAL CONTROL. DISCOVERED EVIDENCE OF A LANDING IN THE DESERT.
THERE IS A FURROW IN THE SAND. IT LEADS TOWARDS OUR CITY!
THIS IS THE DALEK INFORMATION CHAMBER. I SHOULD LEARN WHAT I WANT HERE.
THE ROGUE PLANET, SKARDEL, HURTLES TOWARDS THE MECHANOIDS. THEY WILL BE SO OCCUPIED WITH IT, WE CAN ATTACK AND DESTROY THEM.
IF THAT ROGUE PLANET REACHES THE MECHANOIDS, THE DALEK'S MIGHT BE ABLE TO DESTROY THEM. I MUST TRY AND STOP THAT PLANET.
MOVE... AND YOU WILL BE DESTROYED.
STOP PRESS
Questions in Senate
Joined by Senators representing many Pacific islands, Senator Mu Fingint, of Fiji, demanded to know the exact plans for dealing with the weed menace. He said that if weed was a danger to shipping, what was to stop it attacking whole islands like his own?







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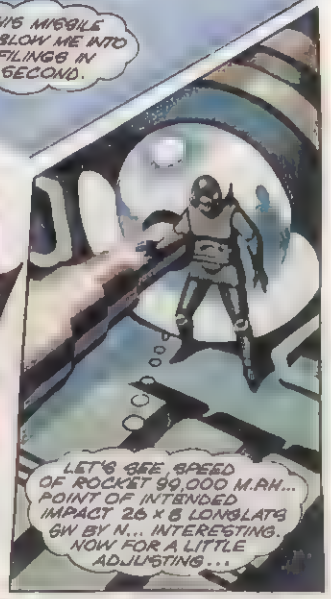
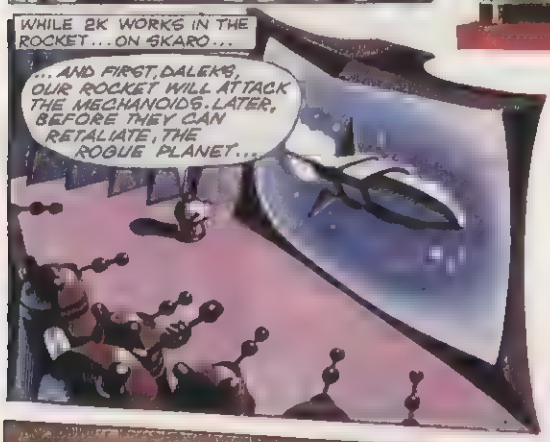
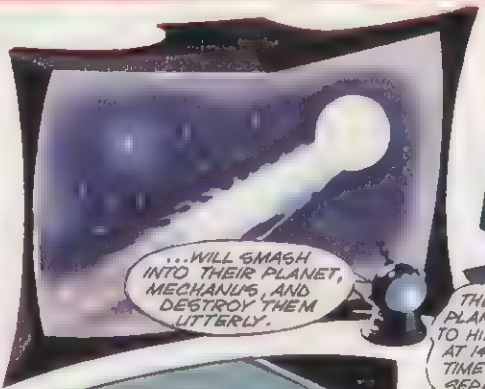
Mining Operations Suspended

The Interplanetary Chemical Mining Company announced in Unity City today that they are suspending mining operations [redacted] all planets. Special security operations are being taken to protect all personnel from the unknown menace [redacted] affected the crew on planet Syntex.

THE
DALEKS
by TERRY NATION
as featured in the BBC TV series
"DR. WHO"
The Daleks believe Dr. Who is a Mechanoid agent—and catch him in their magnetrap . . .
WHEN THE INTRUDER IS FIRMLY FIXED, YOU WILL BOTH FIRE AND DESTROY
WE OBEY.
THE INTRUDER IS ESCAPING!
VERY WELL! THEY WANT ME TO GO DOWN. DOWN I SHALL GO.
I WONDER WHERE THIS LEADS.
AN UNDERGROUND SILO! AND THAT ROCKET CAN FLY FASTER THAN ANY SPACE SHIP!
THIS REPAIR HATCH-DOOR LETS ME INSIDE THE ROCKET, AND ALL I HAVE TO DO . . .
. . . DESTROY THE CONTROLS . . . AND HANG ON . . .
THE ESCAPE!
STOP PRESS
TERROR FISH ACTIVE
Spotter tower TR5 situated 4 miles off Marineville coast has reported extensive Terror Fish activity in this area. Controller Adams manning tower unable to say why Fish were there but stated that there seemed to be about 4 or 5 cruising beneath water surface.







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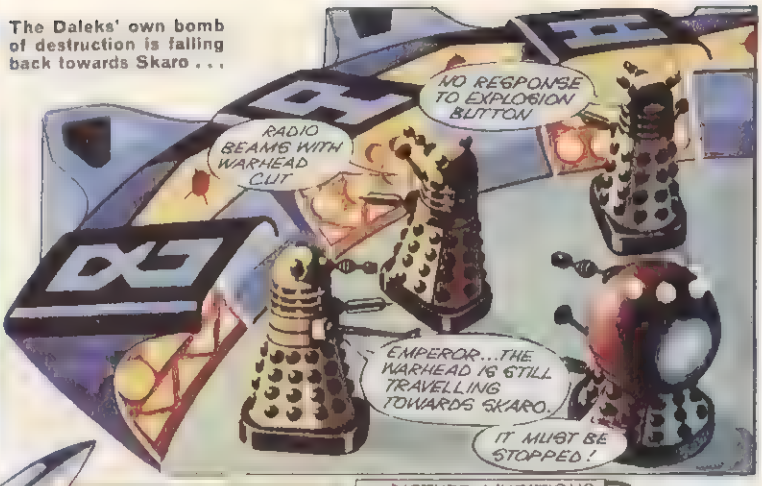
SPACE CITY PANIC

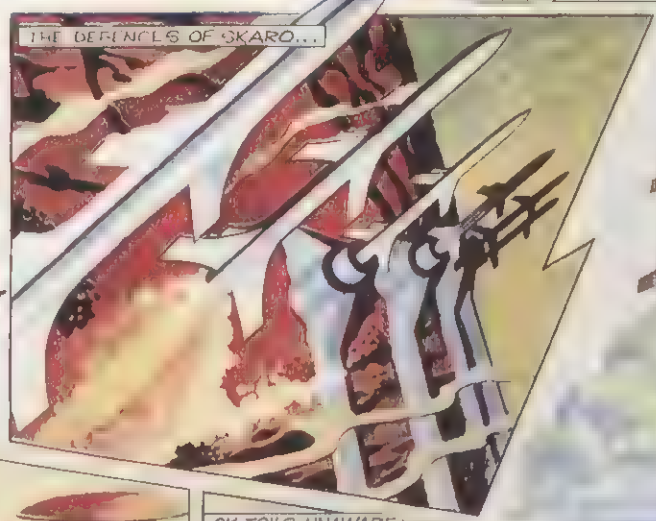
Panic spreading at Space City. Armed forces rushing to the scene of mysterious object which landed from outer space. Reinforcements have been sent for.

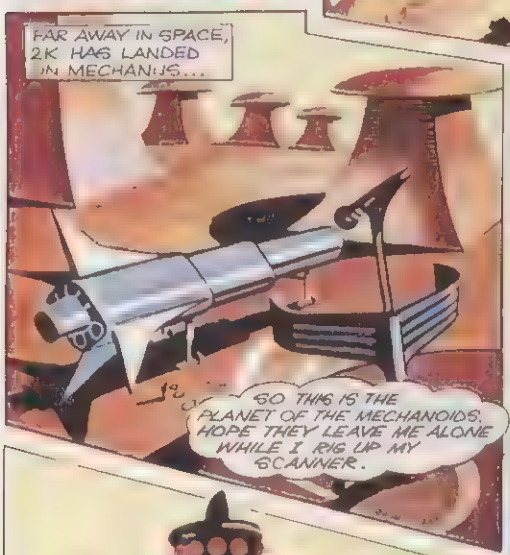
THE DALEKS

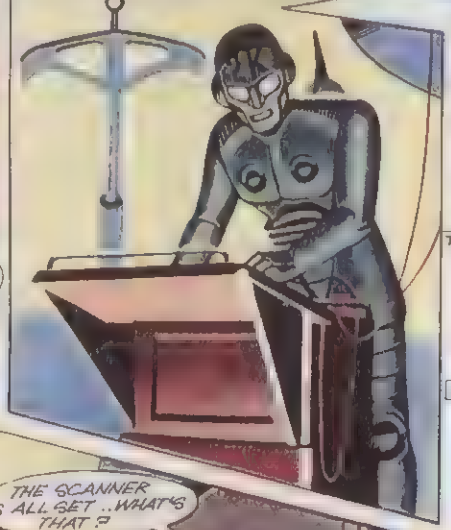
by TERRY NATION
as featured in the BBC TV series
"DR. WHO"

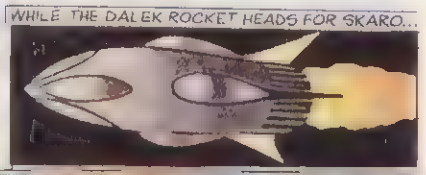
The Daleks' own bomb of destruction is falling back towards Skaro . . .

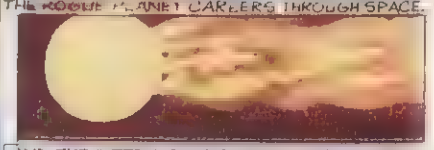


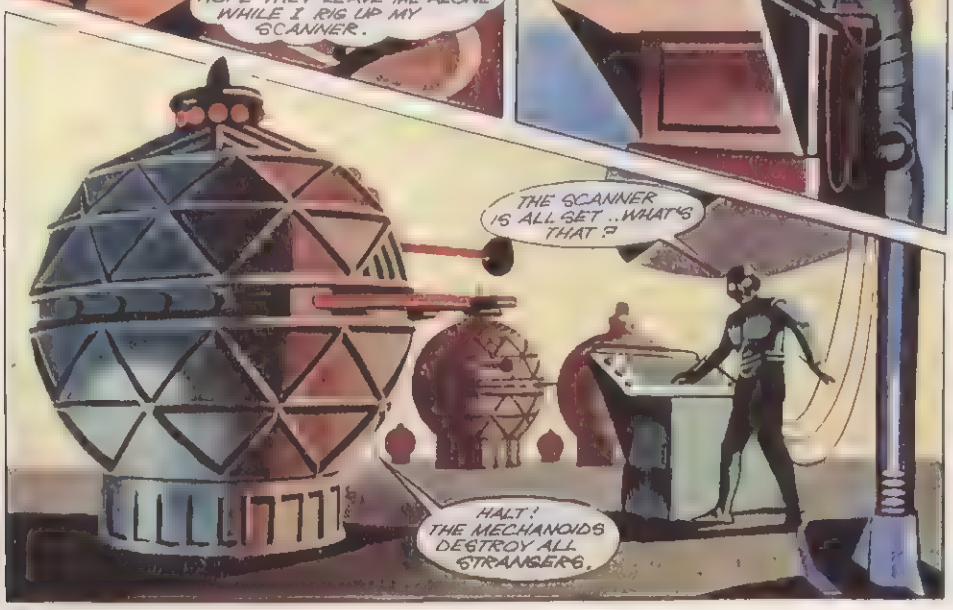












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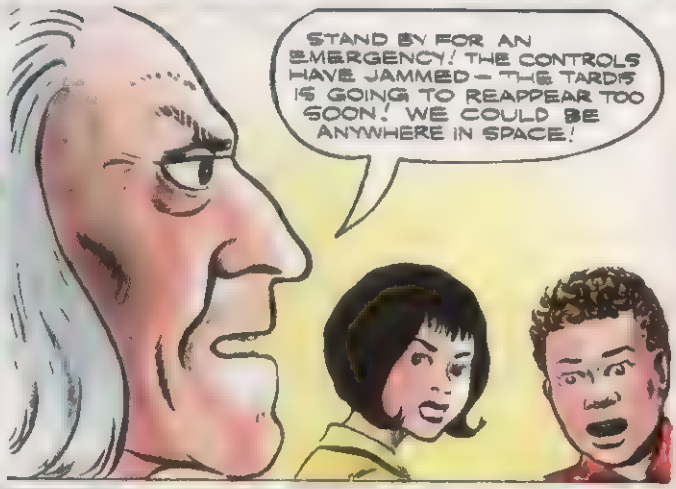
PRESIDENT APPEALS

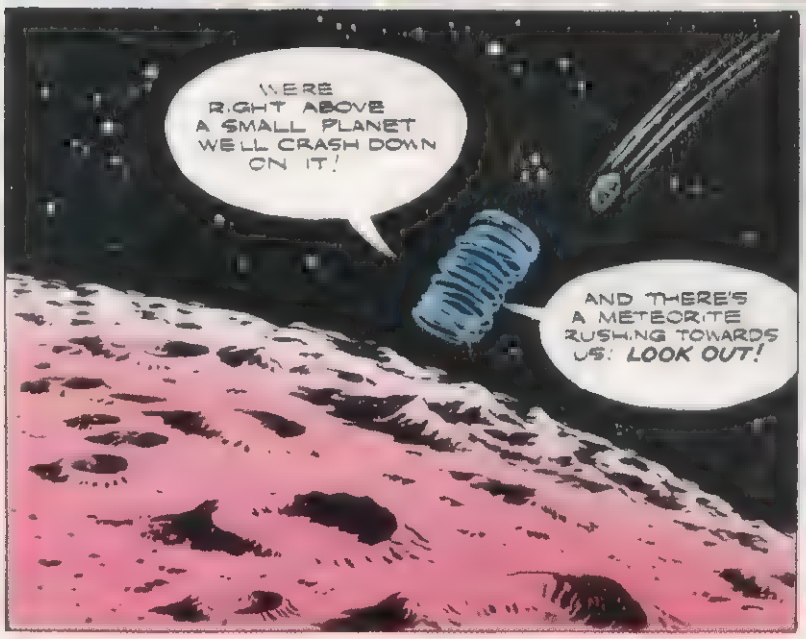
The World President has appealed for calm following the landing at Space City of alien creatures. President claimed everything possible is being done to contain menace and there is no cause for alarm.

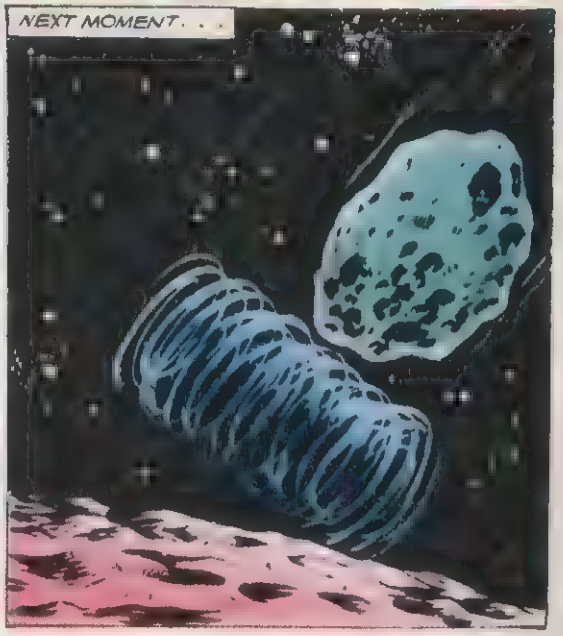
THE DALEKS
by TERRY NATION
as featured in the BBC TV series "DR WHO"
The Mechanoids have surrounded agent robot 2K . . .
BEFORE YOU DESTROY ME WATCH SOMETHING I HAVE TRAVELLED THROUGH SPACE TO SHOW YOU.
FAR IN SPACE, A KILLER PLANET HEADS STRAIGHT FOR YOU. NOW... WATCH!
COURSE FOR COLLISION!
ON SKARO, THE DALEKS REJOICE
THE WARHEAD HAS EXPLODED! IT HAS DISINTEGRATED THE ROGUE PLANET AS WELL
WE HAVE NOT ATTACKED THE MECHANOIDS AS WE PLANNED - BUT DANGER IS AVERTED
...AND FAR AWAY... ON MECHANUS...
WHY DID YOU COME SO FAR TO SHOW US THIS SCENE?
THE ROCKETS YOU SAW, THE WARHEAD YOU SAW, WERE MADE BY THE DALEKS.
THE DALEKS COULD HAVE LET THE ROGUE PLANET DESTROY YOU.
THE DALEKS ARE OUR ENEMIES.
YET THEY SAVE YOU FROM DISASTER. FORGET THE WAR THAT THREATENS YOU BOTH.
2K
WAR IN SPACE IS UNTHINKABLE. THE DALEKS HAVE SHOWN SOME RESPONSIBILITY. THE MECHANOIDS MUST ALSO.
WE AGREE. THERE WILL BE NO WAR. RETURN TO THOSE WHO MADE YOU. WARN THEM, THOUGH, THAT DALEKS AND MECHANOIDS ARE ENEMIES
THE MECHANOIDS FELL FOR THE STORY. NOW FOR HOME.
STOP PRESS!
Bathyscaphe Reports
Report reached Marineville, this afternoon, from bathyscaphe at present searching in Area 13 for Stingray. Report states that Lieutenant George Lee Phones Sheridan has been picked up and is recovering. Bathyscaphe continuing search and reports no contact with super sub yet

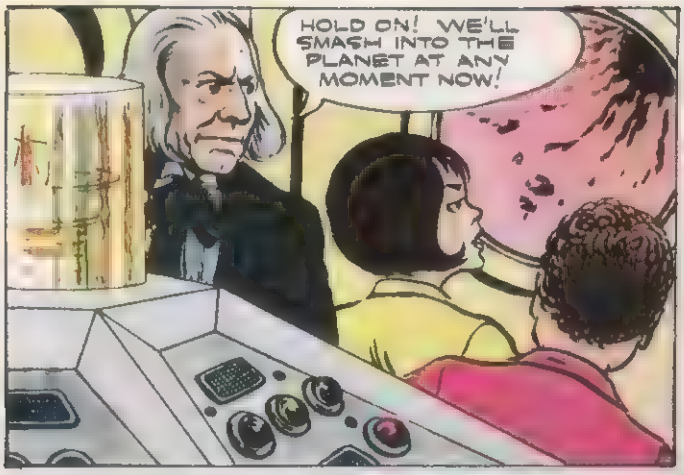
DOCTOR WHO

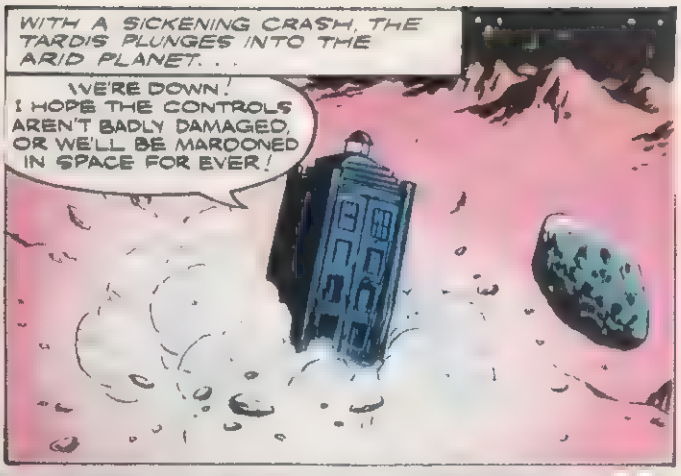
FLASHING through time and the vastness of space in the TARDIS, carrying Dr. Who, John and Gillian into the strange worlds of the future.

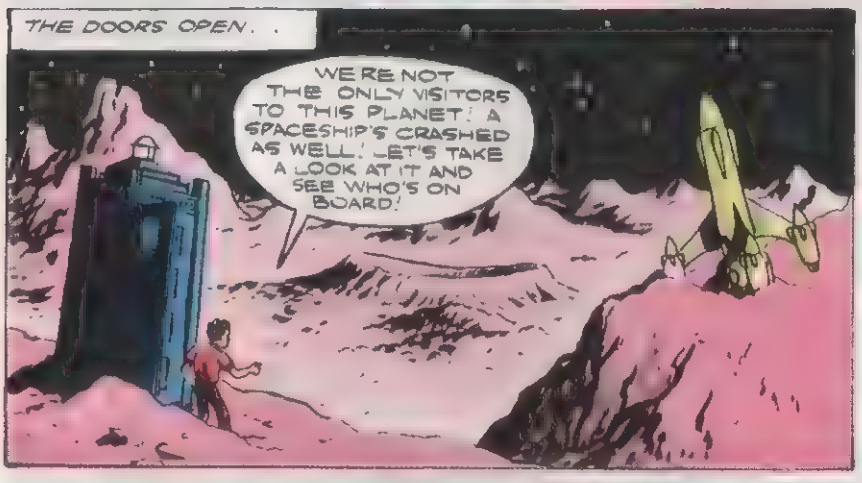




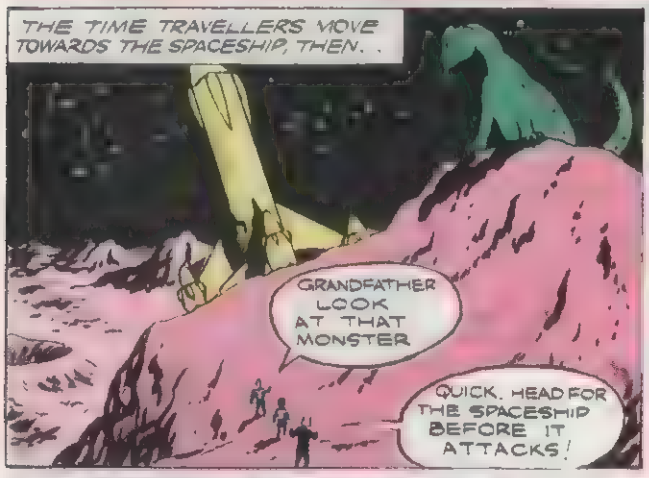



HOLD ON! WE'LL SMASH INTO THE PLANET AT ANY MOMENT NOW!


WITH A SICKENING CRASH, THE TARDIS PLUNGES INTO THE ARID PLANET. . .
WE'RE DOWN! I HOPE THE CONTROLS AREN'T BADLY DAMAGED, OR WE'LL BE MAROONED IN SPACE FOR EVER!

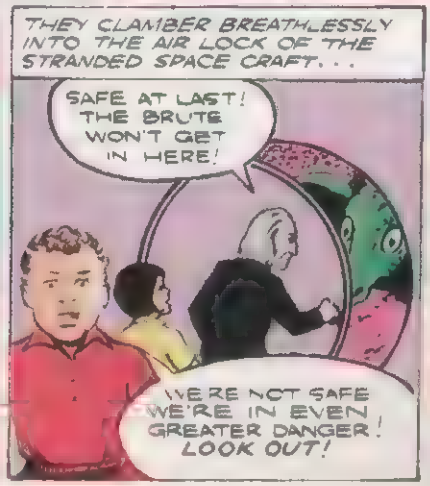

THE DOORS OPEN. .
WE'RE NOT THE ONLY VISITORS TO THIS PLANET! A SPACESHIP'S CRASHED AS WELL! LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT IT AND SEE WHO'S ON BOARD!

HEY I CAN JUMP MILES INTO THE AIR
THE PLANET HAS HARDLY ANY GRAVITY — LIKE EARTH'S MOON.


THE TIME TRAVELLERS MOVE TOWARDS THE SPACESHIP, THEN. .
GRANDFATHER LOOK AT THAT MONSTER
QUICK, HEAD FOR THE SPACESHIP BEFORE IT ATTACKS!

THE MONSTER IS CLOSING IN UPON US — WE CAN'T ESCAPE
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO. JUMP — JUMP FOR YOUR LIVES!

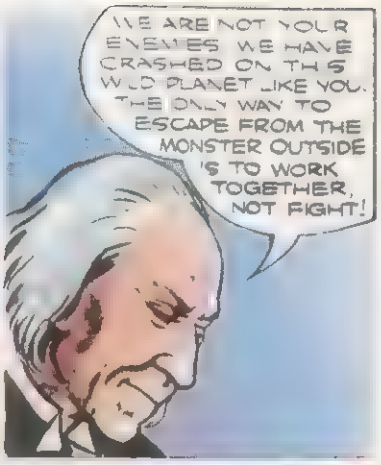
MADE IT! NOW — MAKE FOR THE SPACESHIP BEFORE IT ATTACKS AGAIN!

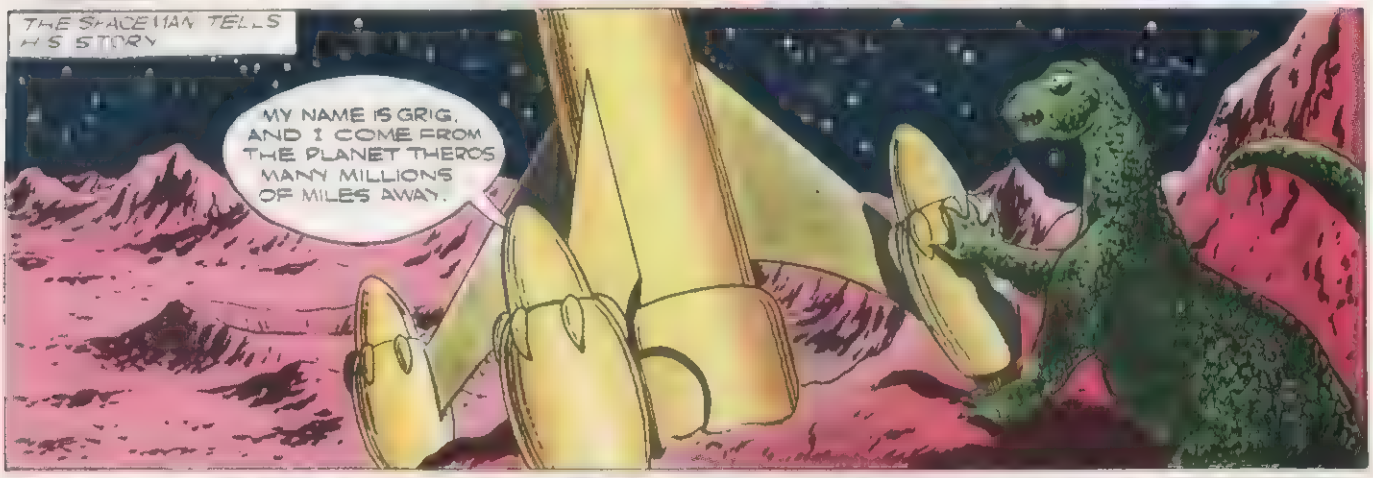

THEY CLAMBER BREATHLESSLY INTO THE AIR LOCK OF THE STRANDED SPACE CRAFT. . .
SAFE AT LAST! THE BRUTE WON'T GET IN HERE!
WE'RE NOT SAFE WE'RE IN EVEN GREATER DANGER! LOOK OUT!

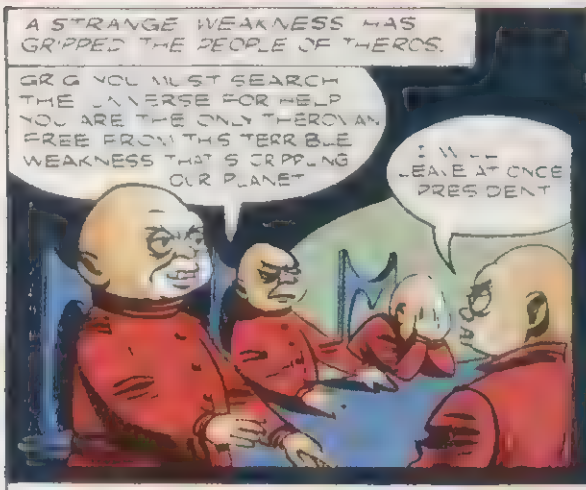
DON'T MOVE OR I'LL BLAST YOU TO ATOMS!
NEVILLE MAIN

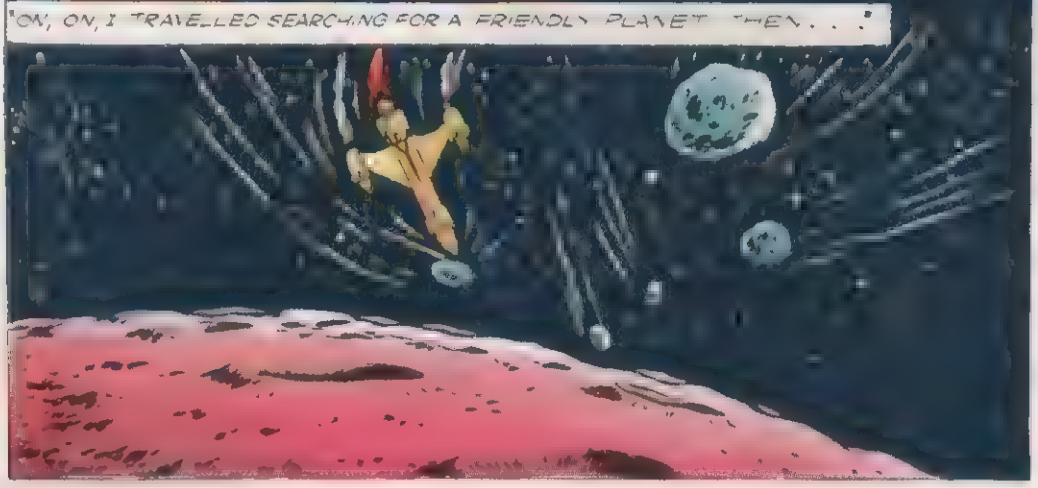
DOCTOR WHO

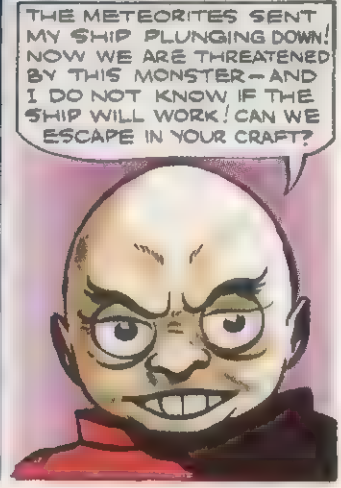
JOURNEYING through time and space, the Doctor with Jo Grant and Gillian have to make an emergency landing on a small barren planet. Menaced by a giant lizard, they take shelter in a spaceship that has crashed on the planet. But fresh danger awaits them.



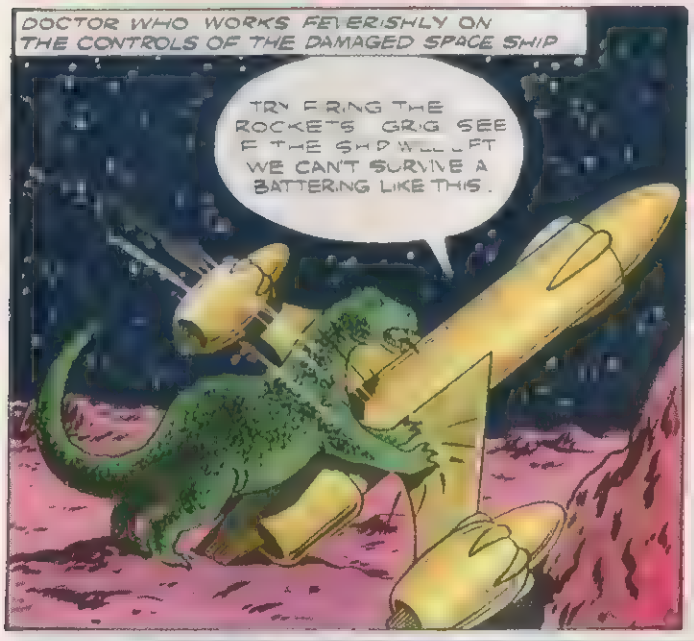


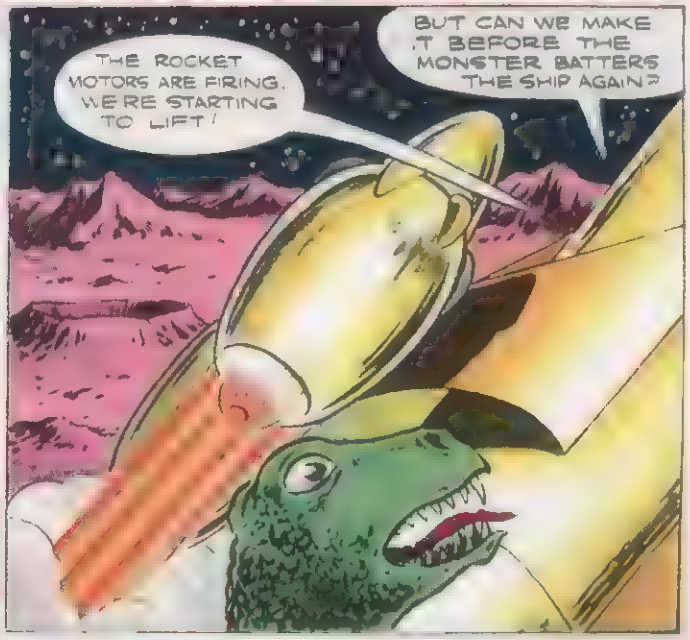




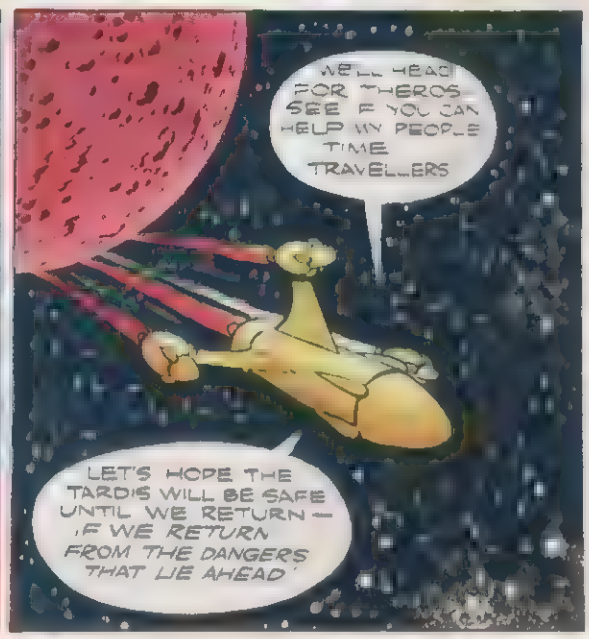


WE WILL HELP YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE GRIG - BUT WE CANNOT USE THE TARDIS AT THE MOMENT FOR THE CONTROLS ARE DAMAGED. . . BUT I WILL FIX YOUR SPACE SHIP.
NEXT MOMENT
THE MONSTER IS ATTACKING AGAIN. WE MUST GET THIS SHIP OFF THE GROUND OR THE BEAST WILL COMPLETELY WRECK IT!


DOCTOR WHO WORKS FEVERISHLY ON THE CONTROLS OF THE DAMAGED SPACE SHIP
TRY FIRING THE ROCKETS GRIG SEE IF THE SHIP WILL LIFT WE CAN'T SURVIVE A BATTERING LIKE THIS.

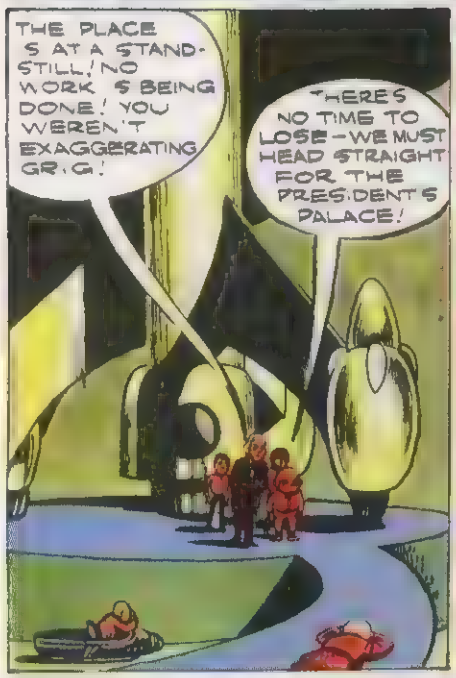

THE ROCKET MOTORS ARE FIRING. WE'RE STARTING TO LIFT!
BUT CAN WE MAKE IT BEFORE THE MONSTER BATTERS THE SHIP AGAIN?

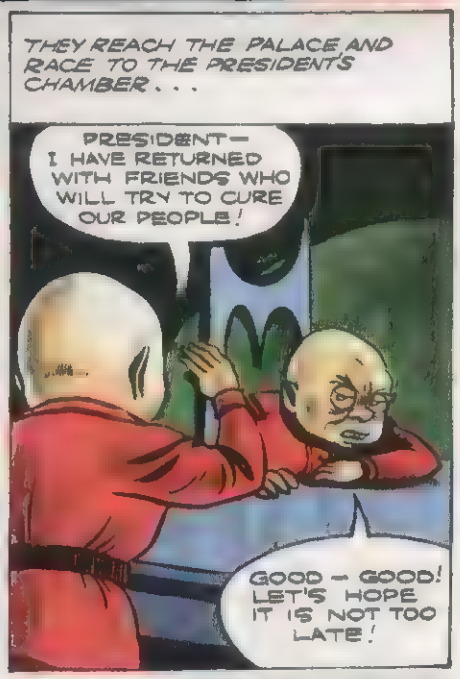
WE'VE DONE IT!
NEVILLE MAIN

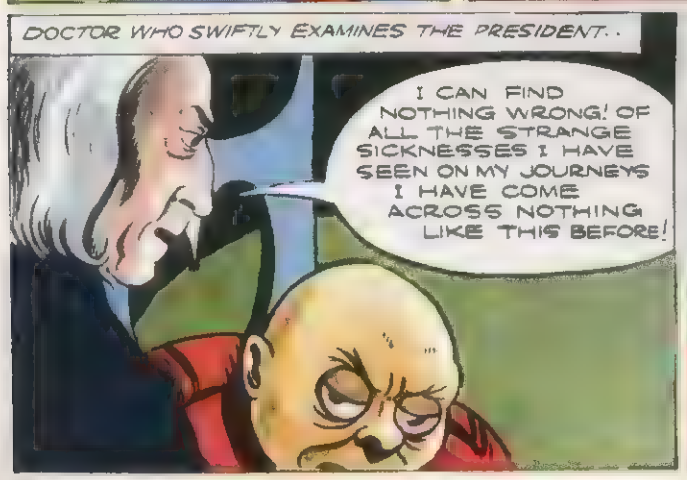

WE'LL HEAD FOR THEROS - SEE IF YOU CAN HELP MY PEOPLE TIME TRAVELLERS
LET'S HOPE THE TARDIS WILL BE SAFE UNTIL WE RETURN — IF WE RETURN FROM THE DANGERS THAT LIE AHEAD

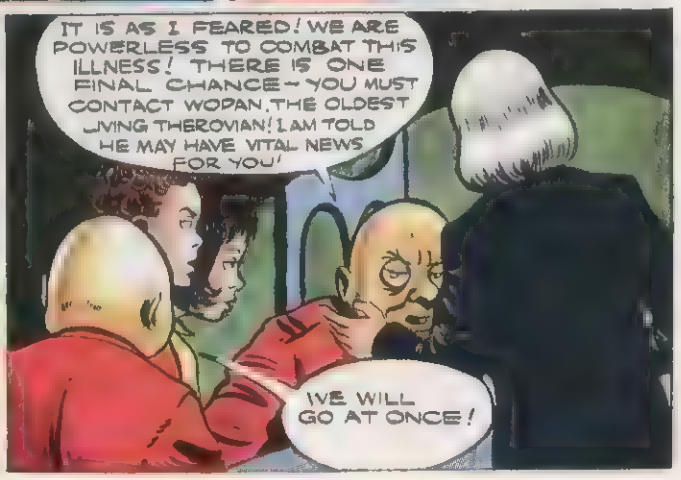
DOCTOR WHO

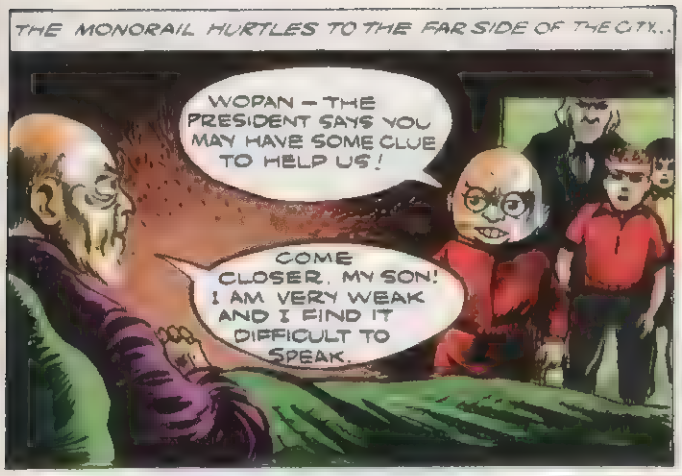
Dr Who, John and Gillian, journeying through time and space, meet Grig from the planet Theros. The Therovians are suffering from a strange weakness and the time-travellers head for the planet in Grig's spaceship to see if they can help . . .

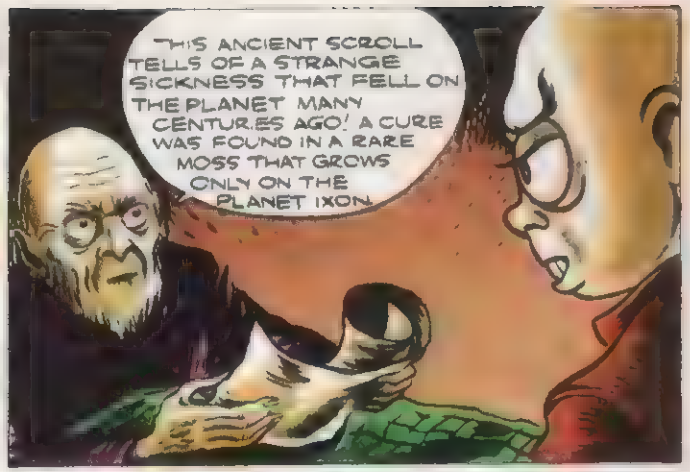


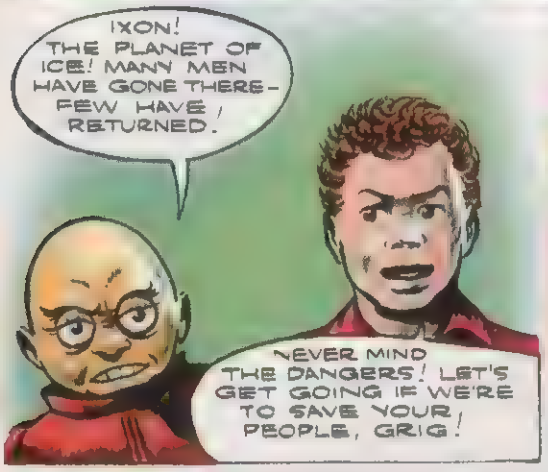






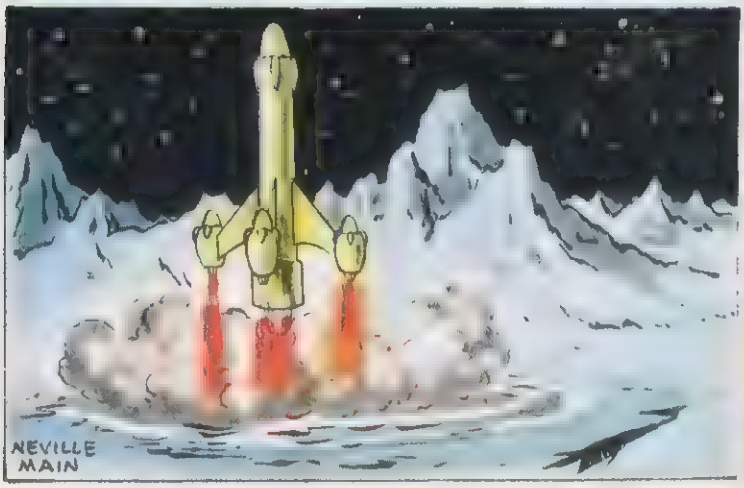

THE MONORAIL HURTLES TO THE FAR SIDE OF THE CITY..
WODAN – THE PRESIDENT SAYS YOU MAY HAVE SOME CLUE TO HELP US!
COME CLOSER, MY SON! I AM VERY WEAK AND I FIND IT DIFFICULT TO SPEAK.


THIS ANCIENT SCROLL TELLS OF A STRANGE SICKNESS THAT FELL ON THE PLANET MANY CENTURIES AGO! A CURE WAS FOUND IN A RARE MOSS THAT GROWS ONLY ON THE PLANET IXON.


IXON! THE PLANET OF ICE! MANY MEN HAVE GONE THERE – FEW HAVE RETURNED.
NEVER MIND THE DANGERS! LET'S GET GOING IF WE'RE TO SAVE YOUR PEOPLE, GRIG!

A SHORT TIME LATER..
FAREWELL, THEROS! LET US HOPE WE RETURN SOON WITH THE CURE OR MY PEOPLE ARE DOOMED!

FOR DAY AFTER DAY THEY HURTLE ON, UNTIL . . .
AT LAST – IXON THE ICE PLANET!
A WASTELAND OF SNOW AND ICE! BRRR!


NEVILLE MAIN

NEXT MOMENT..
GRANDFATHER – COME QUICKLY! HELP!
STAY WHERE YOU ARE. STRANGERS ARE NOT WELCOMED TO IXON! YOU WILL BE TAKEN PRISONER!

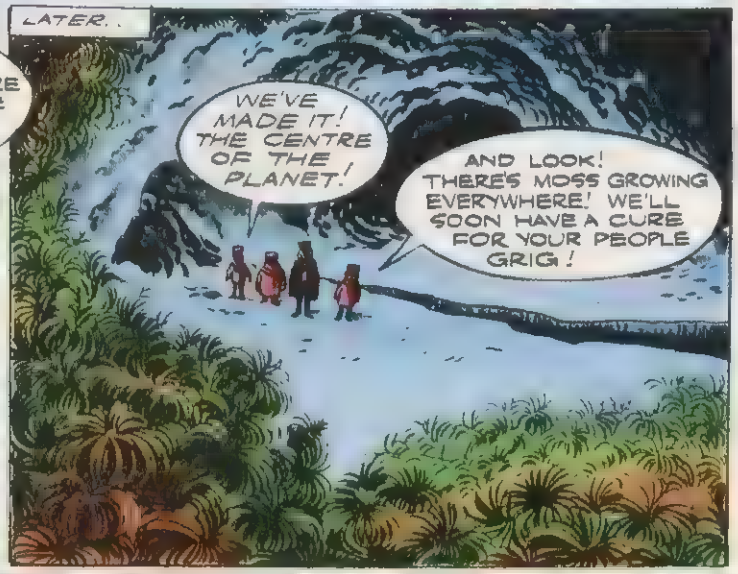
DOCTOR WHO

Dr. Who agrees to help the people of the planet Theros, who have been struck down by a mysterious weakness. The Doctor sets off with John, Gillian and a Therovian named Grig to collect a rare moss that may contain a cure. But the moss is found only in one place

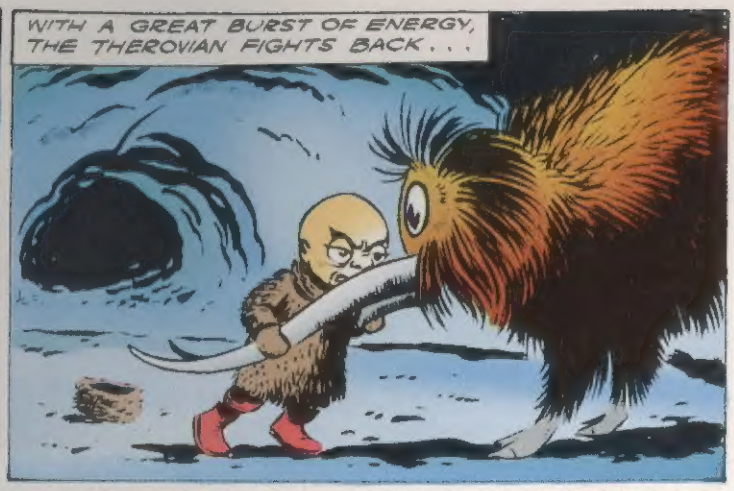
THE CARRIAGE PLUNGES INTO A TUNNEL AT THE FOOT OF THE GREAT ICE WALL AND AFTER TRAVELLING FOR SOME MINUTES IT EMERGES INTO AN ENORMOUS CAVERN . . .
THROW OPEN THE DOOR! WE MUST SEE THE GREAT IXA AT ONCE! WE HAVE CAUGHT THIS BUNCH OF INTRUDERS!
HERE WE GO! LET'S HOPE WE CAN TALK SENSE TO THEIR CHIEF!
GREETINGS, GREAT IXA! WE HAVE CAPTURED THESE STRANGERS WHO LANDED ON THE SURFACE!
SO SPIES FROM ANOTHER WORLD EH? WE DEAL SWIFTLY WITH INTRUDERS ON IXON.
WAIT! WE MEAN NO HARM—WE ARE PEACEFUL PEOPLE THE PEOPLE OF THEROS ARE SICK AND THEY DESPERATELY NEED THE HEALING MOSS THAT GROWS ON YOUR PLANET
YOU MUST HELP US!
VERY WELL—BUT YOU MUST COLLECT THE MOSS YOURSELVES! IT GROWS ONLY AT THE CENTRE OF THE PLANET. A PLACE OF TERRIBLE DANGER WHERE NO IXON DARES TO VENTURE!
GIVE THEM WARM CLOTHING AND PROVISIONS FOR THEIR JOURNEY!
THANK YOU THE PEOPLE OF THEROS WILL BE VERY GRATEFUL TO YOU
A SHORT TIME LATER . . .
WE'RE OFF INTO THE BLACK ICE. LET'S HOPE IT'S AN UNEVENTFUL TRIP!
A GUARD TOLD ME THE TRACK ONLY GOES A FEW MILES—WE'LL HAVE TO FINISH THE JOURNEY ON FOOT
NEVILLE MAIN
FOOLS! DO THEY REALLY THINK I MEAN TO HELP THEM? EVEN IF THEY SURVIVE THE DANGERS OF THEIR QUEST, I WILL TAKE THE MOSS FROM THEM! IF THE THEROVIANS DESPERATELY NEED IT, THEN THEY WILL PAY FOR IT WITH ALL THEIR WEALTH!

DOCTOR WHO

Dr. Who, with John, Gillian and the Therovian Grig, travel to the ice planet Ixon in search of a rare moss which they hope will cure a strange weakness that has fallen on the planet Theros



HE'LL NEVER DO IT! THE BRUTE'S TOO STRONG FOR HIM!


WITH A GREAT BURST OF ENERGY, THE THEROVIAN FIGHTS BACK . . .

WITH A FINAL HEAVE, GRIG FORCES THE MONSTER INTO THE YAWNING CREVASSE...
HE'S WON! HE'S WON!
WELL DONE, GRIG!

GET A MOVE ON! THERE MIGHT BE SOME MORE MONSTERS ABOUT!

A SHORT TIME LATER, THEY HEAD BACK TO THE IXONS' ICE CITY . . .
NOW WE MUST QUICKLY RETURN TO MY PLANET WITH THE MOSS!
I HOPE WE'VE GOT ENOUGH OF THE STUFF TO DO THE TRICK!
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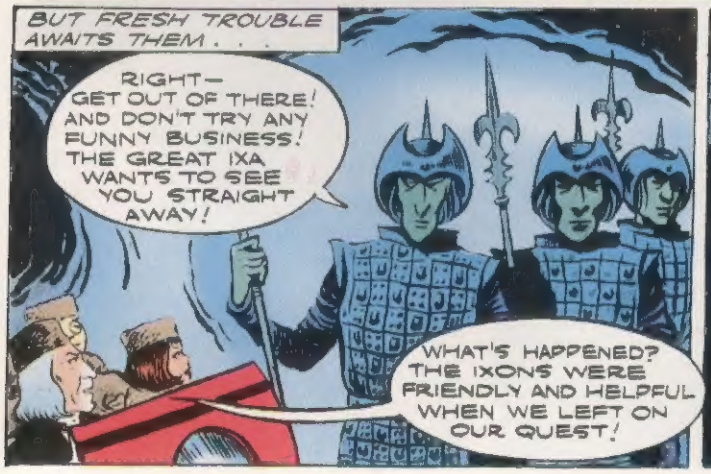
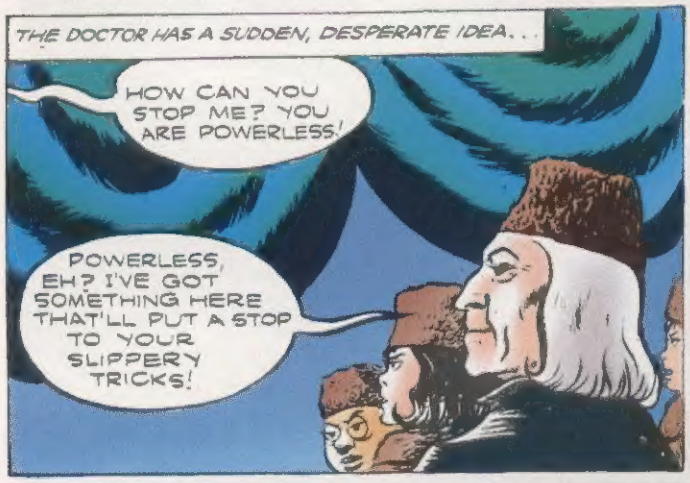
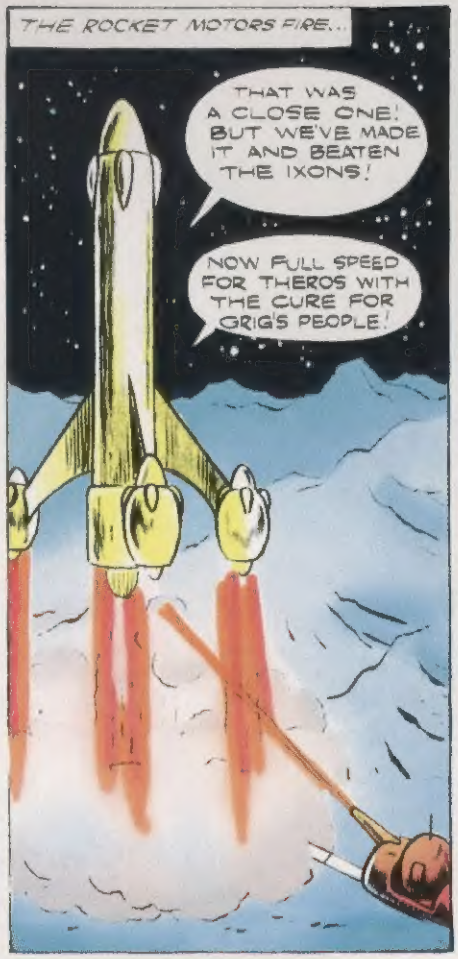

BUT FRESH TROUBLE AWAITS THEM . . .
RIGHT— GET OUT OF THERE! AND DON'T TRY ANY FUNNY BUSINESS! THE GREAT IXA WANTS TO SEE YOU STRAIGHT AWAY!
WHAT'S HAPPENED? THE IXONS WERE FRIENDLY AND HELPFUL WHEN WE LEFT ON OUR QUEST!

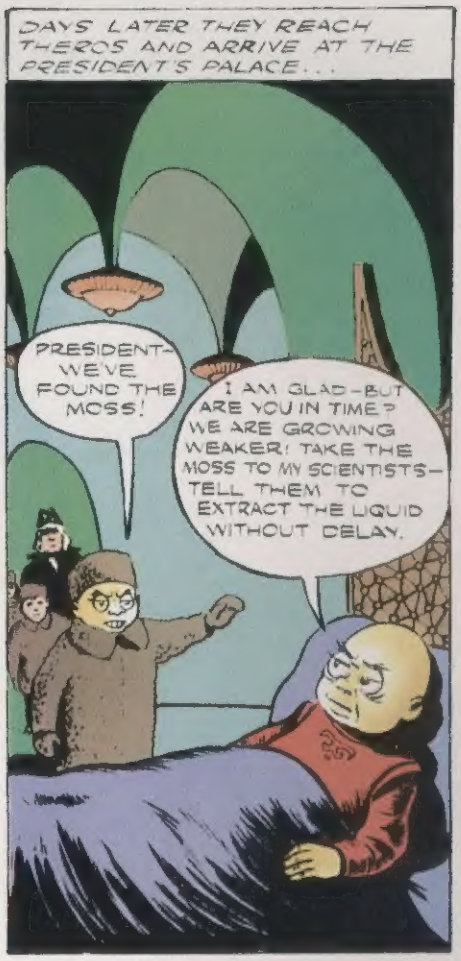
THE LEADER OF THE IXONS LAUGHS SCORNFULLY...
SO! YOU HAVE RETURNED! YOU WALKED STRAIGHT INTO MY TRAP! THE MOSS IS MINE AND I SHALL SELL IT FOR THE HIGHEST PRICE TO THE THEROVIANS. TAKE THESE FOOLS AWAY, GUARDS, AND LOCK THEM UP!

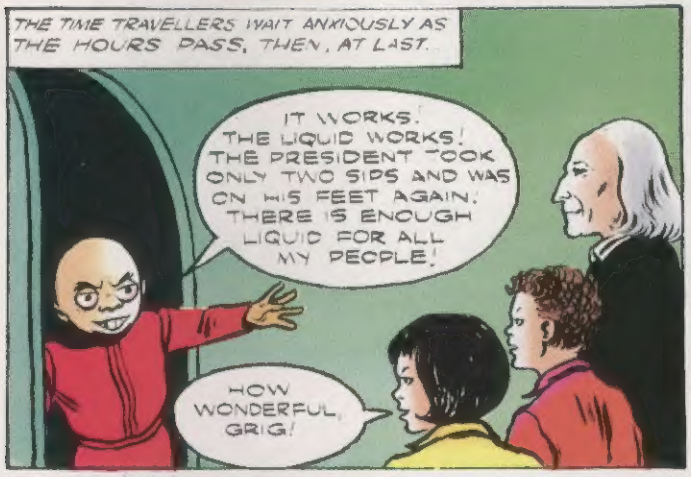
DOCTOR WHO

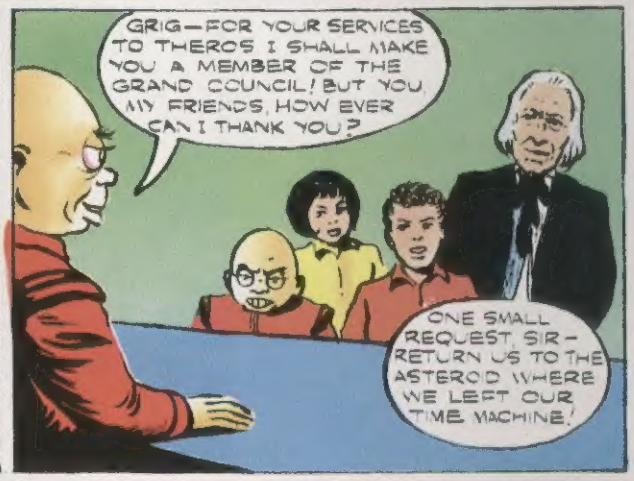
Dr. Who, with John, Gillian and the Therovian Grig, travel to the ice planet Ixon in search of a rare moss which they hope will cure a strange weakness that has fallen on the planet Theros. They collect the moss but, are stopped from leaving the planet by the wicked Ixons.

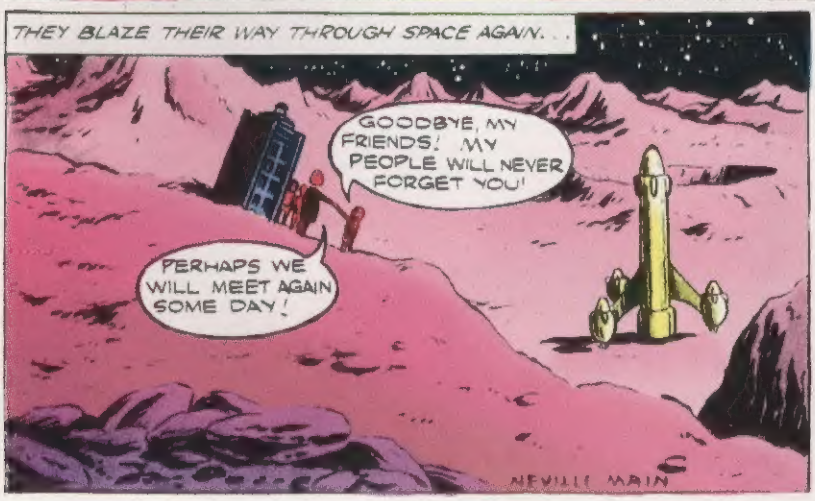


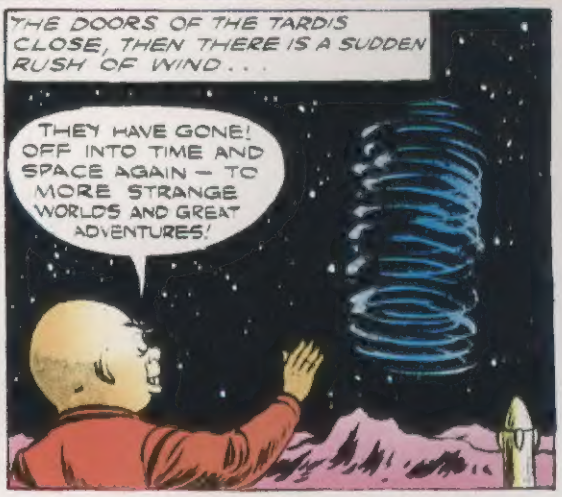












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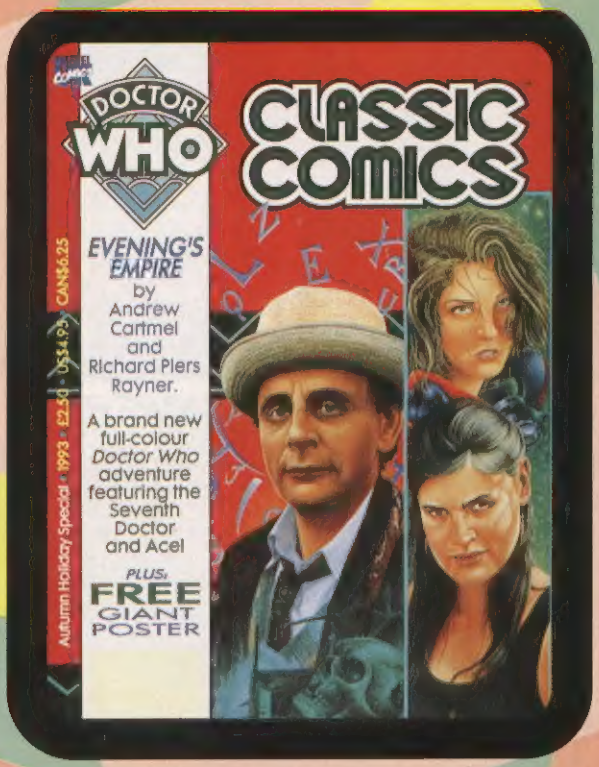

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